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A Garden Honors a Theta



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GOOD NEWS

What to do when all the books in your chapter library "blow away" as did those at Washburn during the 1966 tornado? The answer is: Find an alumnae chapter which will start a Project Library for you as Topeka has done to fill the empty library shelves in Washburn's beautiful new chapter house (1970). With a list of suggested books furnished by the collegiates, Topeka past presidents donated the first books, including in each a bookplate with the donor's name and years of the presidency.

If \$2,500 sounds like a lot of money, it is a lot of money yet this is the approximate amount the 22 housing units at the University of South Dakota donate to the Easter Seal Society each spring. The Theta chapter has been a leader in creating enthusiasm among the Greek system for the money-raising. Following a week of miscellaneous projects developed separately by all groups, the effort ends with a jointly sponsored Charity Carnival. South Dakota Thetas' recent contribution through these efforts meant \$300 for the Easter Seal Society.

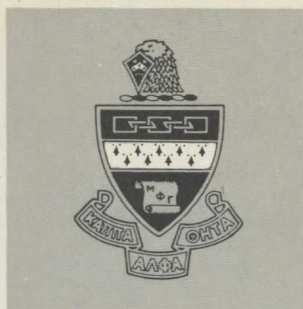
It's nice to hear someone speak optimistically about the worrisome "generation gap." Such a one is Dr. Harold Blake Walker, husband of Theta Mary Alice Corder Walker, Missouri, writing in his *Chicago Tribune* column, *Living Faith*: Each new generation is like a wave that flows and merges with other waves, and each new generation brings new insights and qualities that overlap and are homogenized into the whole of society. The enthusiasm of youth is tempered by the caution of age while the wisdom of age modifies

the zeal of youth. . . . We can respect one another if we will, youth and age treating each other with high regard for the dignity of each.

In a heartening effort to bring town and gown closer together, Lawrence University Greeks, alumnae and a Special Events Committee planned a spring 1971 "Awareness" Symposium presenting ten programs for the campus and for the city of Appleton featuring sculpture, music, poetry, theatre and other cultural programs put on by artists in each. All programs were free. Seven of the 18 Symposium Committee members were Thetas with a Theta as chairman. Hopefully this effort cut into what the students call their "isolation" from the people of their college town.

News of sorority activity is usually relegated to a newspaper's society page, if it gets into print at all. Not so in Philadelphia, where the Philadelphia Theta Alumnae Chapter has shown that the strictly "social image" of sororities is a thing of the past. As one of 13 winners out of 200 entrants, Philadelphia received a citation for involvement in the community and commitment to the issues of our times in *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* 1971 "Tribute to Clubwomen" contest. Even though this happened last spring, Philadelphia Thetas are still floating around on Cloud 9.





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MARY MARGARET KERN GARRARD

THE COVER: Centennial may be over but, as the song goes, "the melody lingers on." We are still receiving news of Centennial projects, such as the one pictured on the cover showing l. to r., Sally Morey Mielke, 1970-71 Appleton Alumnae Chapter president, and Ruth Young Truitt, editor, presenting the prized Andrew Wyeth book to Dr. Thomas Smith, president of Lawrence University, for the University library. Alumnews (*especially page 33*) tells of still more Centennial doings.

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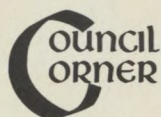
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COME TO GRAND CONVENTION

◆ Put the dates June 11-16, 1972 down in your appointment book now. This is that exciting time for all Thetas—Grand Convention!

Elsewhere in this issue you will find details about site and costs. Wentworth By-The-Sea, New Hampshire, a unique seaside resort hotel which has delighted young and old alike since the 1800's, will be dressed in New England's early summer finery to welcome Thetas from everywhere with bright sunshine, cool Atlantic breezes, colorful flowers including, of course, pansies.

All Thetas and their families are welcome. Special Convention rates make Convention an attractive vacation possibility for all who have planned to visit New England but haven't gotten around to it yet. Those who have will, of course, want to return. Wentworth is a convenient base for day-trips to historical Boston, New Hampshire and Maine beaches—even enchanting Sturbridge Village, Plimouth Plantation and other historic reminders of early America.

But besides locale, Convention offers other important pluses. Here you will see your fraternity in action. Collegiate members and alumnae meet as equals, and as friends. The exchange of ideas, demonstration programs, speakers and reports will "put it all together" for you. Here the various facets of the international fraternity will come together in strength and vitality.

The Convention theme—*Excellence Always*—will set the goals for Theta's second century. You will want to be a part of it. Come. Charter a bus, hop a plane, fill the car with gas. But come. You will never regret it.

NORMA A. JORGENSEN, *Grand President*

Recommendation for Grand Council Nomination

All members of Theta are eligible to submit *recommendations* for nomination to Grand Council and are urged to do so. The following form may be used. If desired, a letter giving further details may be attached. Send to the chairman of the Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Ward K. Stallings, 4624 Meadow Valley Dr. N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30342

Name: Maiden

Married

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

College Chapter

Alumnæ Chapter/Club

Candidate must be college graduate. Please verify.

Degree

Date Received

College

Office for which recommended

Activities in Kappa Alpha Theta (Although experience as a district officer is very valuable, it is not a requirement):

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Civic activities and service (Can nominee fulfill requirements for Council travel?):

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Special talents and hobbies:

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Reasons you feel recommendee to be qualified to fill office specified:

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Your Signature:

Maiden Name

Married Name

Address

Street

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You're Only As Old As You Feel

Like a morning dream, life becomes more and more bright the longer we live, and the reason of everything appears more clear.—Jean Paul Richter.

We know of three members of Theta, who like the sorority, are over one hundred years old. May Walker Kenyon, initiated as the 43d member at Kappa, Kansas in 1887, continues as the oldest Theta (in years). She was 103 on December 28, 1971, lives in the Presbyterian Home at Newton, Kansas.

Close on her heels is May Boynton, an initiate of Lambda, Vermont, who celebrated her 102d birthday on August 6, 1971 with "armsful of flowers, stacks of cards and a birthday cake topped with 102 red raspberries." A former librarian, she lived alone in her apartment until she was 95 when a fractured hip put her in a nursing home. She still walks with the aid of a walker.

She may not be as old as the other two Thetas mentioned, but Bessie Thrall, Beta, Indiana, probably has exceeded the record of anyone else on living alone. She celebrated her 100th birthday on September 26, 1971 and she still "keeps house" in La Jolla, Calif. She has received the Maurer Pendant (donated by Theta Mary Rieman Maurer and her husband Bill) as the oldest living graduate of Indiana University and is exceedingly independent, though she has to use a walker.

The La Jolla Theta Alumnae Club takes a great interest in her. They gave her house slip-

pers for Christmas and for her birthday they brought a card signed by all 33 club members plus a birthday cake.

A Theta who won't tell her age is Augusta Stevenson, a prolific and well-known author who was still writing children's books in her nineties. She holds the record as the Theta with the oldest *initiate date*. She was the second to the last initiate of the first Theta chapter at Gamma, Butler, receiving her pin in 1886. She, too, is in a nursing home.

We Welcome

This Alumnae Club—

HANOVER-MADISON, IND.—Pres., Mrs. Lloyd Russell, Jr., Madison

Popularity Plus

We've never run a Theta popularity contest nor do we expect to, but we have a candidate who we think might win if we did. She is Avis Green Tucker, Alpha Mu, Missouri, recently named president of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri, the first woman to hold this post. This was noted in a Twine item in the Autumn 1971 Magazine; also Avis was the subject of a feature article in the Summer 1971 issue. In the meantime, the mail has poured in from friendly Thetas sending us clippings and features from the press telling of Avis' new job. Every third letter it seemed was someone wanting to be sure we knew about Avis' prestigious position. She surely more than deserves all this! We're proud of her. And



Grand Council
of
KAPPA ALPHA THETA
has accepted an invitation from
Eastern Kentucky University
Richmond, Kentucky
to establish a chapter
on this campus

Kappa Phi Delta, a local sorority, will become Delta Upsilon chapter.

Pledging took place November 13, 1971.

Installation will take place in the Spring of 1972.



From Club To Chapter

The honor of being the first Theta alumnae chapter installed in our second century goes to Colorado Springs which went from club to chapter on September 14, 1971. A second honor for the new chapter was that it was the first to use the newly revised nationally approved installation ceremony. Installing officer was Marie Anderson Fitz, Grand Council member-at-large, alumnae committee.

Under the leadership of three-term president, Norvetta Lee Penkhus, the club has been pressing for chapter status for several years and 33 members signed the alumnae chapter pledge. Mrs. Penkhus (shown in picture with Mrs. Fitz) signed the chapter charter.

Colorado Springs now becomes the fourth alumnae chapter in District XVI and the third in Colorado. As a symbol of an auspicious beginning a handsome, gold covered printed chapter yearbook has been distributed to chapter members. Highlights of the 1971-72 program include a get-together with members of Pi Beta Phi and the second annual Kite and Key luncheon with members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, plus the chapter's third annual Kite Fly for the city Park and Recreation Department.—NORVETTA LEE WHITE PENKHUS.

Scholarships and Grants

The Ohio State University announces Graduate Assistantships for men and women for 1972-73 through counseling psychology, student personnel work in higher education and related fields such as guidance, education administration and adult education. For further information write to Director, Student Personnel Assistant Program, Ohio State University, Room 414, Ohio Union; 1739 High St., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

The Delta Zeta Foundation announces The Helen Woodruff Nolop \$1,000 Graduate Scholarship in Audiology and Allied fields to assist qualified women students who are preparing for the teaching of the deaf, for clinical work with the hard of hearing, or for teaching audiology or a closely allied subject. An application completely filled out should be in the hands of the Scholarship Committee before Feb. 15, 1972. An application form may be secured by writing to Miss Anne H. Meierhofer, Director, Career Planning, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

we've never had a news story more thoroughly covered by our "spontaneous contributors," those unsung but faithful correspondents who are ever alert for items worthy of the magazine columns. (P. S. We plan to give you their names someday and pay tribute to them.)

Seeing Double

Kappa Alpha Theta had an unusual "happening" in its Honors announcements in the Autumn Issue, 1971. Three sets of twins became members of Mortar Board at their respective schools! They are Brenda and Linda Scisson, Arkansas; Linda and Lois McKathnie, Indiana; Betsy and Bonnie Brown, Texas Tech. We presume this happens only once in 100 years and that we'll have to wait until 2071 for the next time! (P. S. We hope to have the twins' pictures for you some time.)

District Doings

Four Grand Council officers and 230 actives and alumnae from District XII, comprising the states of Louisiana and Texas, gathered in Dallas on April 16-17, 1971 for a convention at the new Fairmont Hotel. Six collegiate chapters, eight alumnae chapters and 29 alumnae clubs sent representatives who discussed the issues facing fraternity women today. The alumnae reported a total of \$22,300 given to the Theta Foundation for the Institute of Logopedics, \$49,200 to local charities and \$9,000 to college chapters. Texas Tech received the award for top scholarship and Louisiana State for the most improvement in scholarship.—ANNE LAMONT MCGUIRE.

Letters to the editor are welcome. They should be on subjects of interest to Thetas with emphasis on an exchange of views and discussion of ideas. All points of view are welcome, but for reasons of space we may not be able to publish all letters received and may have to use excerpts from others.

Since February 1966 . . .

As the mother of Commander Render Crayton, U.S. Navy, who has been a prisoner of war since February 7, 1966, I was, of course, intensely interested in the article on pages 12 and 13 of the Spring Issue of the THETA MAGAZINE. I only wish that a stronger plea had been made for Kappa Alpha Thetas to use their influence in every way possible to try to get humane treatment for these very unfortunate men, who were in the Armed Forces because they thought they were protecting their loved ones and their country from Communism. They also felt they were doing all in their power to protect the South Vietnamese people from aggression by helping our country to live up to its obligations under the SEATO Treaty.

You know that these men, contrary to the pictures shown on TV, are almost always kept in solitary confinement. They have two skimpy meals a day with no protein. They are in unheated concrete block buildings with metal roofs which are frigid in winter and almost unbearably hot in summer. They are not allowed the writing privileges due them under the Geneva Conventions. We did not hear from my son for four years and three months after his capture, and he did not hear from us for four years and nine months. He did not know where his wife was living for all that time. He has received only two letters from us. And we have not heard from him since April 1971.

MARY JANE HILL CRAYTON
Beta Beta, Randolph-Macon
LaGrange, Georgia

Inevitable?

I suppose it was inevitable that the Vietnam war find its way into the pages of the THETA MAGAZINE. I refer to the article on page 13 of the Spring Issue, 1971, concerning Thetas with relatives held prisoner or missing in action. The action requested there, namely that all Americans write key NLF and North Vietnamese leaders asking better treatment and release of these men will, I suppose, do no harm. Yet it hardly seems the most meaningful action possible in this painful situation.

It is only an end to the war that can be expected to reunite these men with their families, as well, I might add, as to make it possible for the many separated Vietnamese families to come together again. It seems to me that the more appropriate government

to try to influence is our own, since this is the government most directly responsible to us and to our wishes. In that vein it is perhaps not out of place to mention the many Americans, myself and my husband included, who have resisted this war from the beginning and who have gone to jail in the process. I am sure some research would discover other Thetas and Theta relatives in this category.

BEVERLY WOODWARD KIGER
Omega, Calif.-Berkeley
New York. N.Y.

On Both Sides of 30

I was so pleased to find my THETA MAGAZINE in the mailbox recently. It had been forwarded from Indiana to my new home in Virginia, so I now enclose the change of address form.

When I started to read the magazine I read it cover to cover and enjoyed every article. I feel ever so warm when I read of the projects and contributions Thetas are sincerely carrying on, which make being a Theta more meaningful than ever.

CINDY EARNEST FARLOW
Delta Sigma, Ball State
Triangle, Virginia

◆ *We may blush with pleasure at favorable fan mail, but we don't usually publish it. However, it gives us a special glow to discover that Cindy represents Delta Sigma 1970 which brings the hope to us that Theta is successfully bridging that old Generation Gap on both sides of age 30.*—EDITOR.

I Wish My Pin Could Talk

My Theta pin had a unique experience. How I have wished it could talk! The second year after graduation from Washington State I was teaching in a small Montana town. One morning my roommate, a Delta Gamma, and I were late so I did not have time to put on my Theta pin (we wore fraternity pins almost daily at that time). When I returned that night, my pin was missing. This was 1926.

In the spring of 1964, nearly 40 years later, my husband and I had returned from a year in Europe and were living for a few months in Seattle. One day I received a letter which had had a hard time finding me from my Theta chapter at Alpha Sigma telling me that if I wanted my pin I should write the Theta Central Office in Evanston. It wasn't long before I again had my pin, along with the name of the man from Napa, California, who had found it on the street in downtown San Francisco!

GRACE TROI RISHOI
Alpha Sigma, Washington State
Santa Rosa, Calif.



CRUSADER FOR CONSERVATION

Marjorie Sulzer Collier, Gamma Iota, Kentucky, went out to hunt arrowheads about 10 years ago to please her young son and came home a dedicated crusader for conservation. She decided on the spot that Indian campsites and the artifacts they yield must be preserved because unless they are, all traces of early man on the American continent will disappear.

From arrowheads and Indians, her interests have grown to include many phases of conservation. Operating from her home in Tullahoma, Tenn., she will fight for the preservation of a cave, a waterfall, a river or almost any other scenic site threatened with destruction. She also campaigns for the restoration of old buildings and homes of unusual architecture.

Conservationists often become historians as well. Marjorie is no exception. She is co-author of a new history, *Coffee County From Arrowheads to Rockets*, published by her county Conservation Board. Her newest project is a booklet on the 19th century homes in Coffee County which she is preparing for the Historical Society, of which she is a charter member.

But her zeal for conservation places her in an ironic situation. She is strongly opposed to the building of new dams in spite of the fact that she has two degrees in engineering and thereby could probably help build one. Marjorie and her husband, Herman E. Collier, met while both were working on their master's degrees in mechanical engineering at the University of Kentucky. She says even now that she would like to go back to school for a degree in environmental engineering, but is actually working on a master of science in mathematics and plans to go back to teaching, a field she believes will give her the most time with her

children—a son in college plus two girls and two boys at home, ages 6 to 16.

In the meantime she is increasingly active in archaeological, conservation and historical organizations in Tennessee, plus the local LWV which she helped found. A small woman with blue-gray eyes and a pleasant intelligent face, Marjorie's main weapons are personal talks whenever possible with those she seeks to persuade . . . and letters. She has written stacks and stacks of letters, she says, all aimed at championing some cause of conservation. On her mailing list are the names of state legislators, congressmen and senators and she has, on occasion, written to the President.

Born in Madison, Ind., Marjorie moved with her family as a youngster to Lexington, Ky., where her father was head of the department of radio and communications at the University of Kentucky. Daughter of Dorothea Kent Sulzer, Alpha, DePauw, who was one of those working to bring Theta to the University, Marjorie became a charter member of Gamma Iota. Her sister, Janet Sulzer Horton, is a member of the same chapter.

Following college, Marjorie taught briefly at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville and later worked as an engineer for a commercial firm but left her job to raise her family.

Apropos of Women's Lib, she is one woman who can't be accused of not using her brain. Furthermore, if you are conspicuously indifferent to conservation, you may find yourself hearing from her.—Adapted from an article by Betty Dement in the *Tullahoma News Tempo*; picture showing Marjorie examining Indian artifacts found near her home also used, courtesy of the *Tullahoma News*.

YOU CAN'T MEASURE COMPASSION

Sophie Boyd's funeral last November 1970 was unique. One of her pallbearers was a convicted murderer and a second had served time for varied and assorted larcenies. Of about 1,000 mourners who packed fashionable Grace-Church-on-the-Hill in Toronto for the services maybe half were the solid, respectable middle-class members of the Anglican parish; the other half were ex-bank robbers, car thieves, burglars, forgers, embezzlers, vagrants, prostitutes and unmarried mothers.

They had gathered to pay their respects to a tiny, blue-eyed 67-year-old woman who went into the statistics books as a traffic fatality. But statistics don't tell the story. You can't reduce compassion to a numerical quantity, and Sophie Boyd, a Theta from Sigma, Toronto, was all compassion.

After the funeral, a man named Joe Smith—short, stocky, bearded and 27-years old—told a reporter: "She never cut you down. She never told you what to do. She never withdrew her friendship." Joe should know; Sophie was his friend—as an orphan, as a vagrant and as a prisoner. Joe dropped out of school in Grade 6. Now, as a result of Sophie's guidance, he's back in school, hoping for a career in social work. Just like Sophie had.

For Sophie Boyd was a social worker. For 14 years she worked as a provincial probation officer in Toronto. When she retired in 1968 she didn't leave social work. Helping people in trouble was Sophie's business. It was also her life and Sophie didn't retire from life.

When helping people on her own, Sophie Boyd dispensed with conventional practices. She kept no written records, or records of money she loaned and she never registered disapproval no matter how repeatedly her charges got into trouble. And no matter how often a person failed to respond, she never abandoned him.

As far back as 1961, the apartment which she shared with her sister Gwen was overrun by young people in search of help. Sophie never turned them down. They slept, ate and met friends there. In time, Sophie was providing meals and temporary accommodation for so many people in distress she ran out of space. Rather than turn anybody away she solicited funds and furniture from friends and rented an

adjacent apartment suite exclusively for the use of her young people.

Once the phone in the apartment rang at 1:00 A.M. It was Sally, a 22-year-old girl who Sophie had befriended in court a month before when Sally was charged with shoplifting. She was frightened. Her boy friend had grown violent after drinking and threatened to kill her and her six-month-old child. She was calling from a phone booth, shivering and cold.

Sophie dressed, jumped in her car and rushed to the apartment. She pacified the boy friend and persuaded him to leave. She settled Sally and her baby and spent the rest of the night with them.

"Sophie Boyd made me nervous," said a friend, a provincial civil servant. "To rescue someone she'd go anywhere, at any hour, alone." Another friend chided her for wasting her time on "failures." She replied quietly, "It's the failures who need the most attention."

One "failure" explains how it was: "I owe Sophie about \$1,000 in cash. But I owe her a lot more than that for cooling me down and teaching me to think and talk rather than explode and do crazy things. I'm going to make out Okay—because I knew Sophie Boyd."—Adapted from an article by Sidney Katz in the *Toronto Daily Star*.

Then There's Club 70

Sophie Boyd's great influence is mainly immeasurable. No one can ever know how many lives she touched. But Club 70 is a tangible result of her life. Established in early 1970, eight months before her death, in an old house donated by Grace-Church-on-the-Hill, it offers a haven for ex-wards of the Toronto Children's Aid Society, who, released at 18 to make it "on their own," are often ill-equipped to know what to do and how to do it. The Club, manned by teen-agers and adult volunteers from the church, is open every day and evening and offers companionship, recreation, meals and the company of people who can advise and guide. One friend of Sophie's says that his first stop on being released from prison was at Club 70—"It was like going home. Everyone knew all about me because Sophie had read them my letters." He's at the Club nearly every night now, is working, and hopes to go back to school and qualify as a computer operator.

Honors

After 37 years of service to the state institution, the Mount View School for Girls at Morrison, Colo., 22 of them as director, *Betty Portner*, Colorado State, has retired. Co-workers at the school, past and present students, Colorado's governor and other dignitaries joined to honor her in a "Salute to Betty Portner" banquet in Denver recently. During her tenure at the school a weekly Sunday morning service for the student body was established and \$21,000 raised to provide a Chapel of Faith.

Newspaper columnist and feature writer, *Dorothy Rochon Powers*, Montana, of Spokane, Wash., is a new member of the board of the National Federation of Press Women through appointment to the NFPW Advisory Committee.

A Theta teacher who can still recall the names of 1400 of her 2000 former students now working in the news media and allied fields was honored as the "Mrs. Chips of Journalism" at a dinner at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club in August 1971. She is *Katherine Perry Lambeau*, Wisconsin, who for more than 30 years taught journalism at Los Angeles City College before retiring two years ago. Among the gifts she received at her testimonial dinner was a gold lifetime membership in the Press Club plus a plaque from the office of Mayor Sam Yorty. She is a 50-year Theta.

Job Jottings

Ann Arnott, Kansas State, is home equipment editor of *Redbook* magazine.

In a 1971 summer enrichment program at White Springs, Florida, made possible by grants-in-aid, *Mary Patricia Henry*, Utah, taught dancing to the 162 children enrolled. Mary Patricia has her BFA degree from Utah in ballet, is currently working on an MFA degree in dance at Florida State University.

As a Theta mother retires from the party serv-

ice for debutantes which she had handled along with "social secretarial" duties in Austin since 1962, the job is being taken over by a Theta, *Linda Steinhauer Ohme*, Texas. Mrs. Donald O'Brien, whose daughter *Betty* is at Texas Tech, is happily taking up painting for a hobby, while Linda pores over Mrs. O'Brien's files and notebooks getting the Austin debutante season underway.

In the Press

The *Austin American-Statesman* gave space to a story about *Diane Wommack Daniel*, Texas, whose husband, lawyer Price Daniel, Jr., is in his second term in the Texas House of Representatives. Diane and their year-old-son are enthusiastic campaigners for Price. The family lives in Austin during legislative sessions, then return home to Liberty, Texas.

The *Chicago Sunday Tribune* carried an interview with *Mary Ann Crandall Myers*, South Dakota, who is the founder of a three-year-old organization called Federally Employed Women (FEW) whose aim is to win opportunity and equality for women in government. Mary Ann is herself employed by the federal government as a management analyst for General Services Administration and is working at night for her master's degree in management at De Paul University. FEW now has 17 chapters across the country.

Ernestine Bradford Rose, Indiana, who gave up her job in 1969 after 13 years as founder and head of volunteer services at Marion County General Hospital, was the subject of an article in the *Indianapolis News* which asked "Where Are They Now?" meaning some of the city's VIP women, now retired. "Retired," but not tired, Ernestine keeps busy as ever, has enlarged her book on Indianapolis' Circle (the city's center) in honor of Indianapolis' sesquicentennial and is working on another book about early local history.

Again the *Austin American-Statesman* printed another story about a Theta—*Nancy*

De Graffenreid Barnes, Texas, the bride of the lieutenant governor of Texas, Ben Barnes, who has thrown his hat in the ring as a possible candidate for governor in 1972.

On the Go

On June 13, 1971, *Joan Ganz Cooney*, Arizona, traveled to Ohio Wesleyan University, having been designated by a committee of seniors as the *only* commencement speaker they wanted because, as the chairman said, "through *Sesame Street* she has advanced education further than any one person in our lifetimes." The founder, director and mastermind behind the

children's TV show thus became only the third woman to address OWU's commencement.

To most people travel means travel abroad. It also means that to *Anne Louise Scott Kiaer*, Kansas, but in her case it's traveling from her present home in Rendalen, Norway "abroad" to her old haunts in Kansas where both she and her husband, Ajas Kiaer, graduated from college. Both their older daughter and son are attending high school in Pratt, Kansas, living with Anne's parents. Ajas operates his family forestry business in Norway, also is involved in wild life research.

INTRODUCING



Patricia Anderson Bryan

College President, District XI—Patricia Anderson Bryan, Nashville, Tenn. Is an initiate of Alpha Eta chapter of Theta at Vanderbilt University where she received her B.A. degree in 1966 . . . Theta activities are many and varied in the Nashville area . . . Has served on Alpha Eta's Advisory Board . . . Is also an active member of Nashville's Theta Alumnae Chapter having steered various committees for the chapter's annual fund-raising dinner-dance, the Bal d'Hiver . . . Community activities include Junior League, sewing classes and fund drives . . . In spare time enjoys reading, tennis and bridge, though main activities now center around a 14-month Theta "hopeful" . . . Husband is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, is also a Vanderbilt graduate . . . His field is banking . . . Is a commercial loan officer with the Third National Bank . . . Mother is Gene Spiegel Anderson, who attended DePauw University and was a member of Theta at Alpha chapter there.



Carolyn Kern Tankersley

College President, District XVIII—Carolyn Alexandria Kern Tankersley, Columbus, Ga. A native Texan, "Leckie" is an initiate of Alpha Theta chapter at the University of Texas . . . After marriage to Gerald Tankersley, Phi Psi, University of Oklahoma, she completed work on her degree in Economics at the University of Alabama . . . While living at Tuscaloosa she helped establish Delta Omicron chapter of Theta at Alabama, served on the chapter's first Advisory Board . . . Later was Advisory Board chairman and president of Tuscaloosa Theta Alumnae Club . . . Theta relatives abound in her family . . . Three aunts from Beta Sigma at SMU—Janet Cramer Jones, Alice Lee Cramer Knapp and Phyllis Cramer Wright; also a sister, Austin Kern, a member of Alpha Theta at Texas . . . The Tankersleys and their four-year-old son recently moved to Columbus, Ga., where Gerald is manager of Kohlmeyer and Co. . . . Family hobbies are football games, golf, bridge and skiing.

Plant a garden in which you can sit when digging days are done.

It may be only a small garden, but you will see it grow.

There will be sunshine there even in the winter time, and cool shade,
and the play of shadow on the pathway in the shining days of June.

WINSTON CHURCHILL



Walker-Missouri Tourism

Turn page for story of garden in memory of a Theta at Westminster Churchill Memorial.



Isabelle Runk Whitmarsh

It was on March 5, 1946 that Winston Churchill arrived at the invitation of the president of tiny Westminster College at Fulton, Mo., to deliver the annual Green Foundation Lecture. He was introduced by the then president of the U.S., Harry S. Truman, who had seconded the college's invitation for Sir Winston to come to Truman's home state of Missouri. Churchill's speech, dealing with "The Sinews of Peace," contained the now-famous sentence, "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent."

The original draft of what is now called the "Iron Curtain" speech is a part of Churchilliana being collected by Westminster College in a library and museum in the undercroft of the restored Church of St. Mary, Aldermanbury (picture, opposite page). The 11th century London church was destroyed by fire in 1666 and was reconstructed by famous architect Sir Christopher Wren, and again gutted by fire from Nazi incendiary bombs in the Blitz of 1940. In the mid-1960's more than 7,000 individually numbered stones from the church were shipped from England to Missouri and put together like a giant jigsaw puzzle to form what has become a memorial to the heroic resistance of Churchill to tyranny and a worship center for Westminster College.

MEMORIAL

A bombed-out Christopher Wren church in London and a St. Louis, Mo., newspaper clipping of a Winston Churchill comment on gardening are two links that helped tie Kappa Alpha Theta with the Churchill Memorial at Westminster College, scene of his famous 1964 "Iron Curtain" speech.

Outside the restored Church of St. Mary, Aldermanbury on the Fulton, Mo., campus is a small garden. The garden is a memorial to the late Isabelle Runk Whitmarsh, an Alpha Iota Theta at Washington-St. Louis and is the gift of her husband, T. C. Whitmarsh, who has also provided funds for its year-round maintenance.

The Isabelle R. Whitmarsh garden is a touch of England's blooms next to the rebuilt church, which, with its library and museum, is the Churchill Memorial and forms part of the college's Churchill Quadrangle. Coincidentally, Mr. and Mrs. Whitmarsh saw the bombed-out church in London in 1962 and did not discover it was destined for Missouri until several years later.

Only four years earlier, Mrs. Whitmarsh, an avid gardener, had clipped the Churchill quote on gardening. She saved it in an old Bible where it was discovered after her death in late 1968 by her husband, then deep in plans for a garden to honor his wife's memory. He commented in a recent story in the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* that "Finding those words of Churchill's, that she obviously had loved, made me feel more than ever that I'd been guided in my decision to have a garden for her at the Churchill Memorial."

Actually, the project to create a small garden next to the restored church had been originally supported by Mrs. Whitmarsh herself, although she was very ill at the time.

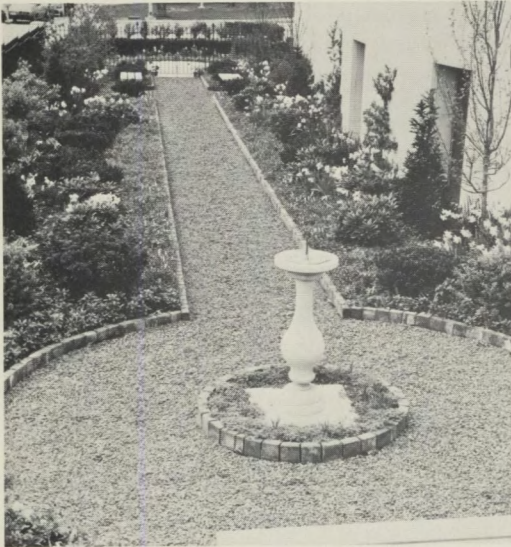
GARDEN FOR A THETA

Mr. Whitmarsh has explained that the main design problem of the garden was to help "tie the church in with Mother Earth," since it rests on a huge concrete base housing the Churchill library. The basic plan is that of a broadleaf evergreen garden, colorful in all seasons. Mrs. Whitmarsh's own personal garden contributed the ground cover in the memorial garden.

Mr. Whitmarsh, who often works in the memorial garden himself, has extended his landscaping interests to include the complete area of the Churchill Memorial. Trees, flowering plants and shrubs now complete the landscaping touches the first part of which were climaxed in May 1969 when the Isabelle R. Whitmarsh Memorial Garden was blooming for the dedication of the Churchill Memorial.

Each plant in the enclosed garden is one that grows in England. The wrought-iron fence surrounding the garden is patterned after a similar one that surrounded the Wren church in the 18th century. A 17th century sundial, brought from London, like the church, completes the arrangement and carries on it a plate saying the garden is in memory of Mrs. Whitmarsh.

Isabelle Runk Whitmarsh, described as "always giving of herself to help others," was rush chairman of her college chapter at Washington-St. Louis and later opened her St. Louis home to the chapter (which does not have a house) for rush and initiation. Her love of gardening made her a moving force in every area of local and national garden club activities.



Isabelle R. Whitmarsh Memorial Garden at Churchill Memorial, enclosed by a wrought-iron fence, is shown in right foreground in front of church. (Bell Tower is at rear of church.) Focal point of garden is a 17th century London sundial bearing memorial plaque. Photos, courtesy Winston Churchill Memorial and Library in the U. S.



MY YEARS WITH GORILLAS

by Dian Fossey
Gamma Xi, San Jose State

Those who knew Dian Fossey as a collegiate Theta at Gamma Xi chapter at San Jose State say that her major animal interest at that time was in riding horses; those who knew her in Louisville, Ky., somewhat later, saw that she was working in the field in which she majored in college—occupational therapy; but those who have known her since 1967 in Rwanda, Africa, know that she has found her true animal interest and true vocation in work with gorillas. And, that by her research with them she is contributing greatly toward saving them from extinction. Already classified by international conservation authorities as “rare,” under constant pressure from man—hunter and farmer—the gorilla is being driven into ever-smaller, more-remote mountain areas.

Dian tells her story in the *National Geographic* for October 1971:

My studies of the largest of the great apes, mountain gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla beringei*) are conducted from a camp in Rwanda’s Parc des Volcans (note map) on the saddle between Mount Visoke and Mount Karisimbi, two of the eight volcanoes in the Virunga

range of Central Africa. Camp, which consists of several sheet-metal cabins, stands at 10,000 feet; a rough jeep road starts up the mountain, but the last 2,000 feet must be climbed on foot, a winding three-mile hike. In addition to the gorillas, local fauna includes duikers and buffalo, and elephants frequently visit a creek in front of my cabin. The nearest store is 19 miles away.

My work began in 1967 with help from Dr. Louis S. B. Leakey (whom I had met on a private safari to Africa in 1963) and aid from the Wilkie Brothers Foundation. Shortly thereafter the project gained the support of the National Geographic Society, which has continued to sponsor my research.

There had been scientific observations of wild mountain gorillas in the past, notably a research project by Dr. George B. Schaller in 1959-60, a classic in its field. My objective was to take up where these had left off, to form more intimate contacts with gorilla groups and individuals, to observe from close up their behavior, their interactions—and to do this in such a way that my own presence did not affect that behavior. To accomplish this I de-

cided, in a word, to act like a gorilla.

One of the first things I learned about my subjects was that, despite their great bulk—400 pounds or more—and the many tales of ferocious attacks on people, they are in fact among the gentlest of animals, and the shiest. Like most wild creatures they will try to protect themselves when attacked, and to guard their young. But in some 3,000 hours of contact I encountered only a few minutes of aggressive behavior. These incidents were generally initiated by protective adults when their young approached me too closely. In all instances, the “charges” proved to be bluff.

In my years of study I have watched nine groups of gorillas, but for closeup contacts have concentrated on four. The groups vary in size from 5 to 19 members; the average is 13. Each group is ruled with unquestioned authority by a dominant male—a silverback, so-called because with age a gorilla’s dorsal hair turns silvery gray. Below him may be one or more subordinate silverbacks, then the younger mature males—blackbacks—the females, juveniles and infants.

During my observations, I have learned much about the animals’ feeding habits (most items of the gorilla’s staple diet—leaves, vines, wild celery and other succulents—abound in the mountains), their range and movements, their bickering and play. I have watched them build day nests to rest in and night nests to sleep in—crude beds of boughs, leaves, moss, or even loose dirt—sometimes in trees, but generally on the ground.

Why do gorillas go where they do? Do their routes remain stable or do they vary? How many still survive? What is their present territory? I have compelling reason for wanting to know. If we are to save the animals from extinction, we must find answers to these vital questions. We must learn the areas of known population concentration before we can provide protection—and thus my interest in both an accurate census of gorilla numbers and a study of gorilla ranges.

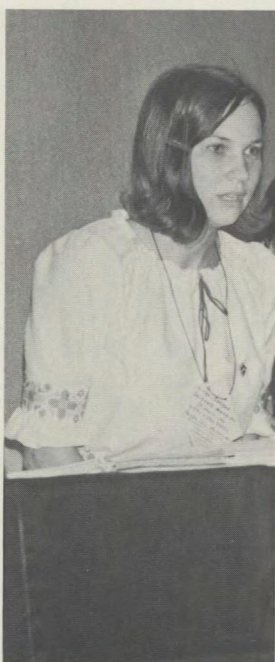
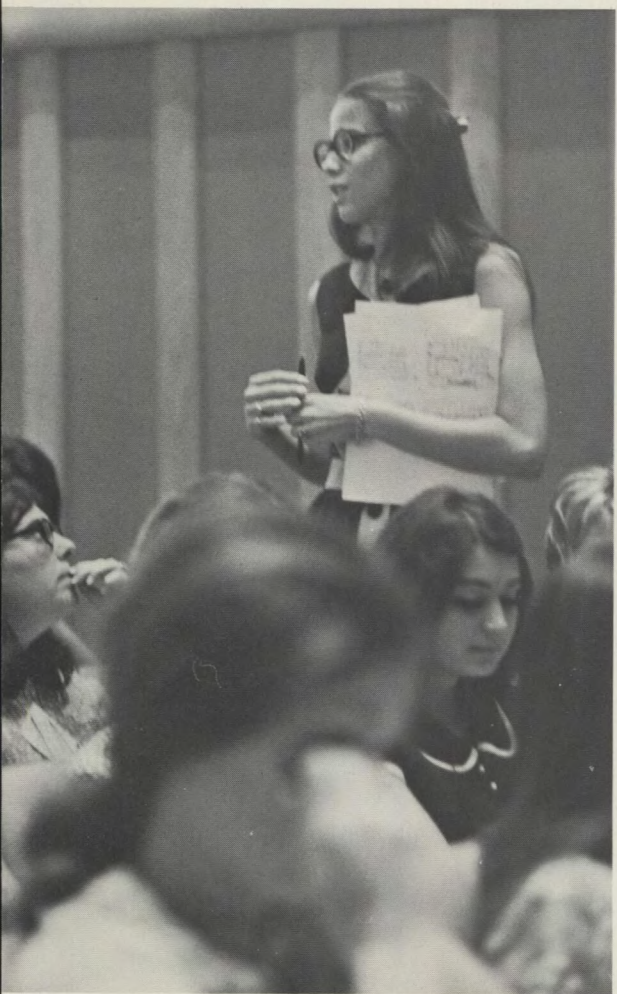
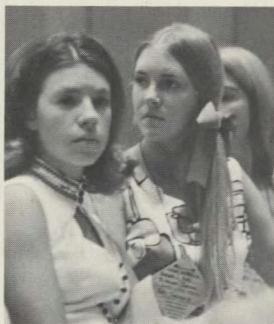
Interrupting her work in Africa for a period, Dian has recently spent time in Cambridge, England, working on a doctoral thesis in zoology and other technical reports on gorilla behavior. On file for study there are the extensive

tapes she has recorded of the sounds gorillas make, which she has learned to imitate in order to gain their confidence. She identifies these sounds as “belch vocalization” (maximum contentment), “pig grunts” (disciplinary), “hoot barks” (curiosity or alarm). Other methods she has used to gain rapport with gorillas are to join them on tree limbs and to scratch herself vigorously, a habit they share and find reassuring.

Now, back on Mount Visoke in Africa, Dian is starting, with the help of “four courageous young recruits” and some cooperative Rwandan assistants, the long-planned “arduous, even grueling job” of gorilla census. Still, she is warmed and made hopeful by what she regards as the most rewarding of her entire experience with the gorillas which came in 1970 just before she left for England. A blackback, or young mature male gorilla she calls Peanuts, accepted her proffered hand and came up and shyly touched her fingers with his. She believes this is the first time a wild gorilla has come that close to “holding hands” with a human being.

The excerpts from Dian’s story are reprinted by special permission of the *National Geographic Magazine* from her article, “More Years with Mountain Gorillas.”





Leadership Conference. Far left, Patty Paddock, Texas; left, Kay Winebrenner, Kentucky. Three: r. to l., Mary Rockwood, DePauw; Linda McKathnie, Indiana; Sandra Soucek, Butler. Above, at Purdue Theta house brunch.

All Leadership Conference photos are by Carolyn Carter

THIRD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

To lead is to serve . . . To lead is to serve

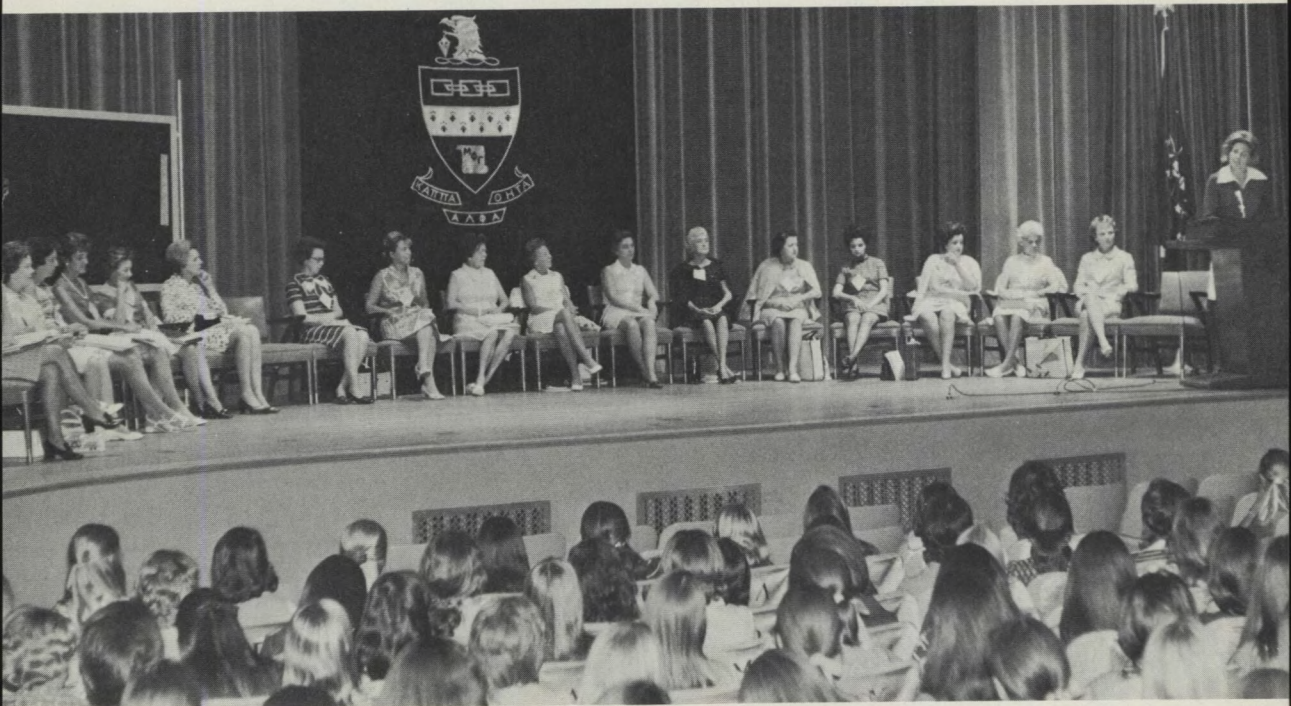
◆ College and alumnae leaders of Kappa Alpha Theta assembled at Purdue University August 25-30, 1971 for our third Leadership Conference. More than 260 officers, delegates and visitors attended, these including all 36 College and Alumnae District Presidents who participated in an Officers' Conference; 59 Advisory Board members who held a special workshop; plus the 1971-72 collegiate presidents from Theta's 94 chapters for whom the entire conference was geared.

Campus climate and student attitudes paced many of the seminar and discussion sessions. Caryl T. Lenahan, executive director of Operation Greek, imparted instruction in leadership techniques and group dynamics in sessions for two days, one with officers, another program-

med for collegians. Theta's Grand President, Norma Anderson Jorgensen, emphasized that *to lead is to serve*.

The group learned of Theta's recent upgrading of records by computerizing the entire membership list. It received a review of parliamentary pointers. Small workshops stressed problem solving and there was a presentation of the plans of NPC. A pilot career clinic on part-time professions was introduced and there was a panel discussion on contemporary concerns such as drug use, morals, psychological problems, student activism.

Meetings were held at the Purdue Memorial Center. On Sunday morning conferees attended brunch at the Theta house on the West Lafayette campus.—CAROLYN MCKENZIE CARTER.



President Norma addresses Conference. Below, Marty Hudlow, local chairman.



**To lead
is to serve**



Caryl Lenahan tells it like it is to Theta Officers' Conference.

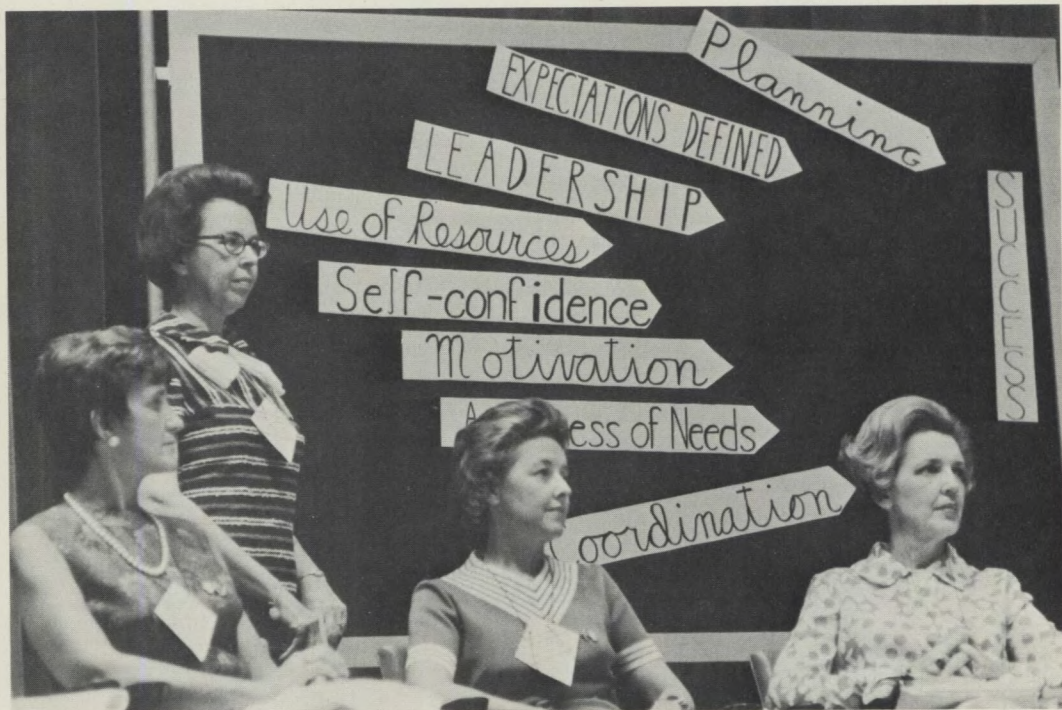


DP's (left to right) Schradle, Latta, Burns do their homework.



THIS WAS Theta's Leadership Conference of 1971—fresh young faces (left and above) giving serious thought to the future and promising their best efforts for the fraternity.

Center Below: Grand Council members Metzger, Tarbutton, Hardy, Fitz illustrate talk being given by President Jorgensen. Below: Dottie Reehling, Indpls., looks into what seems a crystal ball to open career clinic.





START MAKING PLANS

50th Grand Convention—June 11-16, 1972

◆ Kappa Alpha Theta has just concluded the celebration of its 100th year. What better way to start our second century than by meeting at Wentworth By-The-Sea which will soon be celebrating its 100th anniversary? It first opened its hospitable doors in 1874. Located on his-

toric New Castle Island, looking out upon open sea, the hotel combines the graciousness of a bygone era with the modernity of today. Also, the climate of the New Hampshire seacoast is said to be super from early June to mid-October. Come and see for yourself!

What Convention Will Cost

HOTEL—\$29.50 per person, per day full American plan. This includes 5% tax and \$2.75 per day gratuity.

TRANSPORTATION—Consult your local travel agent. *Everyone* is to make her own travel arrangements to Wentworth.

BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT—Transportation from Logan Airport, Boston, to Wentworth on Sunday, June 11, and return on Friday, June 16, will be paid from registration fee. Send bus registration blank to Mrs. Preston Keith. (See page 23.)

REGISTRATION FEE—\$30.00 full time. Covers banquet favors, convention kits, *Kite* newspapers, baggage in and out of hotel and transportation to and from Logan Airport, Boston, Sunday, June 11, and Friday, June 16, *only*. (See above.) *Note*: Registration fee is to be paid when you register at hotel. *Do not mail to Central Office*.

Special Note: It is suggested that everyone have traveler's checks to cover expenses. Please do not plan to cash large personal checks at the hotel.

Grand Convention Program

Sunday, June 11—Registration; 8:00 P.M. Niké Ceremony

Monday, June 12—9:00 A.M. Opening Meeting; 6:30 P.M. Clambake on Beach

Tuesday, June 13—9:00 A.M. College and Alumnae Seminars; 6:30 P.M. Awards Dinner

Wednesday, June 14—9:00 A.M. Seminars; Free Afternoon; 6:30 P.M. Kountry Kapers (costume fun night); District Sing

Thursday, June 15—9:00 A.M. General Meeting; 7:00 P.M. Formal Banquet

Friday, June 16—Departure after Breakfast

CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

Room Reservation Request

WENTWORTH BY-THE-SEA

PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kappa Alpha Theta Grand Convention

June 11-16, 1972

Return to:

Mr. James Barker Smith, President

Wentworth By-The-Sea

Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

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CONVENTION



*Jo Sjostrom Liddy, Iowa State
Chairman—Has Sig Ep husband, 3
children under 12; active in Jr.
League, PEO; likes sewing, gardening.*



*Judy Hill Lawes, Randolph-Macon
Registration—Husband in insurance; 3
children under 13; is working on her
M.A.T., is also a volunteer teacher.*



CONVENTION TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Tennis and swimming in the new Wentworth pool are available at no charge. Golf fees are \$5.00 for 18 holes.

Tours planned for the free afternoon will include possibly a boat trip in the waters surrounding the hotel and up the river, as well as a bus tour of the historic homes in Portsmouth, including Strawberry Banke.

Strawberry Banke is a true restoration where you will walk the narrow lanes and original paving stones, among houses that still stand on their original foundations after almost three and one half centuries; houses that take you back to the nation's earliest beginnings.

Today the Captain John Clark House (1750), shown in picture above, the Chase House (1762) and the Governor Goodwin Mansion (1811) await you as restored and fur-

nished homes. The Sherburne House (1695) is of especial interest, with its restored exterior and an interior exhibit explaining its original structural rarities and history. Restoration is in progress on other houses. Crafts, exhibits, art exhibits and an architectural museum may be seen in several unrestored buildings. The Dunaway General Store and shops of the Guild of Strawberry Banke offer unique wares.

Among other outstanding old homes in Portsmouth is the Governor John Langdon House on Pleasant Street, a splendid Georgian mansion built for the first president of the U.S. Senate in 1784. The oldest home is the Jackson House built in 1664. The "John Paul Jones" House (1758) was so named because young Captain Jones was a boarder there while outfitting the famous ship "America" for the Continental navy.

BUS RESERVATION REQUEST

Buses will be provided from Logan International Airport, Boston, to Wentworth By-The-Sea and return on Sunday, June 11, and Friday, June 16, *only*. Your registration fee will cover round trip bus charges.

Return reservation request to:

**Mrs. Preston Keith
26 Orchard Lane
Wayland, Massachusetts 01778**

- () Please reserve space for me on bus Sunday, June 11, from Logan Airport, Boston, to Wentworth By-The-Sea Hotel.
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name address zip



THE FOUNDATION..

The KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION Supports:

REHABILITATION
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CAN WE
DO MORE?
(Future)

EDUCATION
(Scholarships)

In the spring of 1971 recognizing the impact that can be made on current concerns if all 70,000 Thetas pool our resources — ideas, skills, service and financial support — the Foundation asked Theta chapters, clubs and Theta leaders to help us identify the most urgent and most appropriate priorities for our second decade.

The response came from over 300 Thetas of all ages . . . from 40 states including Hawaii, plus Eastern and Western Canada, Jamaica and Mexico! Collegiates from 48 chapters replied, and over 50 alumnae chapters and

clubs held group discussions and sent us a report.

Respondents were asked to consider areas of current concern, such as: Aid to Disadvantaged Children, Combating Drug Abuse, Improving the Environment, Helping the Handicapped, Fighting Poverty, Meeting the Needs of Senior Citizens and Expanding Opportunities for Women. They were asked to rank these areas in order of priority and to choose the most effective types of programs and the most appropriate methods of support. Here are the highlights of the results:

MOST EFFECTIVE TYPES OF PROJECTS

COMMUNITY
ACTION PROJECTS
•
PUBLIC INFORMATION
•
STUDY/WORK PROGRAMS
•
WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS
for Volunteers

MOST APPROPRIATE TYPES OF GRANTS

SCHOLARSHIPS/
FELLOWSHIPS
•
SPECIAL PROJECTS
OF ESTABLISHED AGENCIES
•
EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
(Films, Handbooks
Educational TV)

..TAKES A SURVEY

First Priority

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

Pre-School Education
TV, Head Start, etc.)

Children's Funds
(Am. Indian, Appalachian)

Family Service
Centers

Second Priority

HANDICAPPED

Rehabilitation
(Speech/Hearing)

Educational Services
for
Learning Disabilities

Clinics and Hospitals
for chronic
and crippling diseases

Third Priority

ENVIRONMENT

Conservation
and Wildlife

Anti-Pollution
Projects

Consumer
Education

The vast majority of survey respondents recommended that we continue our help to the handicapped through the Institute of Logopedics and increase our support of Education through scholarships and fellowships. And, that in addition, we support projects dealing with the problems of Disadvantaged Children and the Environment—projects which provide opportunities for local service involve-

ment as well as national identification and support.

A Development Committee is being formed to consider these results and recommend projects which would help the Foundation provide the **Leadership** and **Incentive** to meet the **Needs** with **Knowledge** . . . **LINKing** . . . our financial resources with our human resources to further Theta ideals!

To accomplish this—we need **YOUR** help! Only with increased contributions from chapters, clubs and individual Thetas everywhere can we hope to make a difference . . . **PLEASE SEND YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

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THETA HOUSEMOTHERS

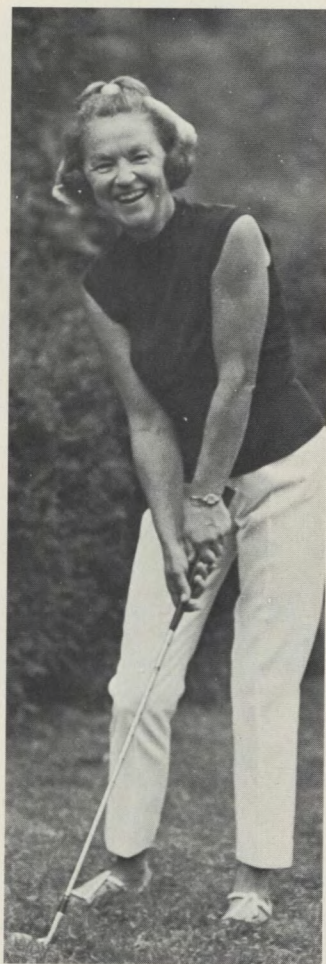
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THE YOUNG AT HEART

◆ Do sororities still have housemothers? Yes indeed. The question would never have been asked three years ago, but the myth of the vanishing housemother belongs in the file of misinformation created and perpetuated by poorly informed writers and speakers on college life.

An article in the Winter 1970-71 THETA MAGAZINE concerning the need for housemothers created enough interest among our own alumnae members and their friends that a file of women interested in this work has been compiled for referral to chapters seeking a housemother replacement.

From a modest beginning it is hoped that the housemother recruitment program can be developed into an added service to our college chapters. Many women, our own Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae included, have



From Vermont to California, from Canada to Texas, Theta housemothers score . . . as does Gamma Eta's pride shown above. Abigail B. Ceruti, new housemother at the University of Massachusetts, is also Williamsburg Country Club Ladies Golf Champion.

found a rewarding second career managing a chapter house which has become a home to the 5,000 collegiate Thetas who live in our 65 chapter houses.

The work entails such home management skills as planning meals and ordering food, overseeing a kitchen and domestic staff, supervising house maintenance . . . all within a budget. The satisfaction of knowing and working with college women and the challenge of keeping up with them—if not ahead of them—probably account for the low turnover in housemother positions. If you are interested in becoming a housemother, let us help you. You could be the *right* person in the *right* place at the *right* time.

For further information please write Mrs. Loran Hendrickson, 3210 Cherry, Park South, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201.



CAN MEETINGS COME TO ORDER?

Margaret is my best friend. She regularly does Good Works and I frequently espouse Good Causes so between us, we attend a lot of meetings. Last week we were coming home together from our separate civic duties and I asked, "How did your meeting go?"

"Aargh," she replied with great feeling. "About as usual—just awful. The bad part about Good Works is all those meetings that never start on time. Our chairman breezed in 15 minutes late."

Margaret mimicked the tardy chairman's bright voice: "I'm simply so terribly sorry. I do hope you went on without me." Warming to her subject and obviously vexed which is something she usually isn't because she is the soul of patience, she continued, "We couldn't begin until she came because she had all the reports and records. Besides, if we had gone on without her, she would have made us stop and tell her everything that had happened so we wouldn't have gained any of the lost time. She didn't really need to call that meeting anyhow because she's one of those steam-roller types who have everything decided before we get together."

"If time is really money, as they say, then I'm the biggest spender in town, waiting for people who are always late."

I knew Margaret was bothered because that was her day to help the little kids in the swimming pool at the orthopedic hospital. Minding her manners to allow me equal time, however, she inquired, "How did yours go?"

"I'm sorry we were late getting out," I began apologetically, "but you know that even meetings which start on time seldom end on time, although they might if speakers would confine themselves to plain English. Our chairman used expressions like *viable infra-structure* and told us what to do to *orchestrate creative listening*. Whatever all that means."

"We had a good speaker, though, and I felt sorry for him. He stuck to his allotted time,

but the chairman put him last on the agenda so while he was still talking, people began leaving for car pools and other appointments because we were running so late. Actually, our meeting never did end, at least not all at once. It just disintegrated."

I wondered aloud how Margaret and I ever got mixed up in so many meetings and she said, "I don't know about you, but about 15 years ago I agreed to drive five second-graders to visit the telephone company. They called a meeting of the mothers to decide what was the best route to take and I've never been safely anonymous again. What's your excuse?"

"I don't have one," I answered sheepishly, "I volunteered."

Like Margaret, I am a great believer in the light-one-candle approach to problems so I said, "We both know that a certain number of meetings are an absolute necessity for Good Works and Good Causes. What would you suggest to improve them?"

"Start on time," was her prompt reply, "and end on time."

"Have at least a speaking acquaintance with Robert's Rules," I proposed, "and that goes for members as well as the chairman."

"Pick a meeting place that is centrally located, preferably with plenty of parking places, and choose one appropriate to the size of the group where you won't be stuffed into a room too small, nor rattle around in a room too big."

"Like the Y? Or the fellowship hall of a church?"

"Sure. Or the board room of a bank. The community service room of the power and light company. The new Boy Scout building or the old Red Cross building."

"But not the day nursery—we met there one time and their chairs are too little."

by VIRGINIA COOPER WESTALL

"Blow a dollar on instant coffee and paper cups. Ask them for coffee at 10:00 and start the meeting at 10:30 after they've exchanged greetings and small talk. Then maybe there wouldn't be so much whispered chit-chat after the business starts."

"Or if you have the meeting at home, get a buddy to come answer your phone and take messages while it's going on. In fact, I bet if you developed a post card habit it would save a bunch of calls."

"Well now. After we get them together, make them comfortable, give them a chance to visit, and start on time..."

"Exactly," I said, "picking up her train of thought. 'We get down to business and we wouldn't ever, not ever, take the time of the whole group to decide something that should be settled in committee, if this is a board meeting...'"

"Or between individuals if it's a committee meeting. And if you have a guest speaker, he is first on the program and you've already warned the group they're expected to stay until the meeting is over."

"Or meet at night so no one will have another appointment and maybe even invite the husbands. And be sure you offer to pick the speaker up and take him home. Then thank him promptly in writing no later than the next day. What else?"

"If you plan on slides or films, be sure the operator knows how to operate the particular machine you'll be using so the pictures won't be upside down or on the ceiling or something. Also check to see that the amount of light in the room can be controlled."

Margaret paused for breath and I jumped in again. "And, if I were chairman, I'd never,

never describe anything as either relevant or meaningful."

"And I would make careful distinctions between group opinions and personal opinions. I would remind myself periodically that, first, it is not necessary for me to have an opinion on everything and, second, if I do, it's even less necessary for me to express those I do have."

"I wouldn't spring new business surprises on the president at a general meeting."

"Nor dredge up old business decisions for rehashing."

"Wow! We've sure made out a tough schedule for the chairman."

"Oh, she doesn't have to do it all herself. Let her delegate just as much as she can, but she should know what needs to be done and how to do it."

"After all, good meetings are a combination of maybe one part brains, two parts executive ability, and four parts of tact, consideration for others or whatever you want to call it."

"Like good manners?"

"Precisely."

"Think we could do it?"

"Might. Why?"

"The powers that be are thinking about linking your Cause and my Works and confidentially, they're going to ask us to be co-chairmen."

"We could streamline the meetings, but it would take the wisdom of Solomon..."

"The grace of Queen Elizabeth..."

"The poise of Helen Hayes..."

"And a cram course at the sense of humor school. Shall we try?"

"Let's. Say, has anyone ever written a book we could pass around on how to be good members of an organization?"

OPERATION BRASS TACKS

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In this issue of Alumnews the chapters tell about Collegiate Contacts—the many services alumnae are currently giving Theta's active chapters. Are these appreciated? Indeed, yes. Witness these words from Elaine Rush, 1971-72 president at Purdue, sent in a letter to Harriet Rogers Kohlmeier, long-time stalwart alumna friend of Purdue collegiates:

"Alumnae help the active chapter with their enthusiasm and advice. They provide a sense of continuity for the girls because they have so much experience with all aspects of Theta. I can't tell you how many smiling, excited alumnae have picked my spirits up with a few interested words. The alumnae are the proof and example of Theta for a Lifetime."

ALBUQUERQUE

Collegiate Contacts: Beginning our 1970-71 year, the alumnae gave the active chapter at the University of New Mexico a surprise party during rush and acted out the skit from Centennial Convention "Oh How Sweet It Was." Gifts of money were also given to the active chapter for redecorating the chapter room. In October, we held our annual pledge dessert at the chapter house. At this meeting, the active chapter joined us to hear an informative talk on drugs. The actives and alumnae planned Founders' Day together this year. We celebrated at the chapter house working on the Easter Seal Drive for New Mexico. Stuffing and mailing envelopes for the drive and addressing letters to Hanoi asking for humane treatment for American P.O.W.'s made the day a most worthwhile one. A buffet luncheon was served at noon and awards were presented.

We Tried This: For our fund raising activity in 1970, we held a rummage sale and were able to send \$1,000 to the Institute of Logopedics.

MARJORIE CHILBERG HUGHES

AMARILLO

Collegiate Contacts: This Christmas the Thetas joined with the Kappas to plan the coffee given at Houghton House to honor pledges and their mothers. Each pledge was presented with a personalized, hand painted key ring. A beautiful party on a cold morning, warm and cheery! For further support to our nearby collegiate chapters, we donated \$40.00 to Texas Tech for their new lodge.

We Tried This: Again this year we entered the "Tables Elegante," dinner settings sponsored by our city Panhellenic and were we proud when the Theta table was voted a second. We donated the money to the local Speech and Hearing Center.

Honors to Members: Doris Gale Crownover, dean of students at Amarillo College, was selected by the International Comparative Education Society to represent them on a world tour to study higher education in seven representative countries. Outstanding college administrators and teachers from the United States and Canada made up the group. . . . Helen Mack Vahue's

husband, Ray Vahue, was elected mayor of Amarillo! . . . Betty Knight Kritser was elected president of the Amarillo School Board . . . Olla Carter Johnson is the new president of our 410 member Symphony Guild.

FERN BRANNEN BALLENGEE

APPLETON (See front cover)

Collegiate Contacts: Appleton Alumnae Chapter is proud of the Alpha Psi actives at Lawrence University in Appleton. One alumnae dessert meeting was held in the chapter room at Lawrence sharing slides from Central Office about Theta housing.

Founders' Day was held on Lawrence campus at the Downer Center. This celebration was special as it was the first meeting for the new pledges. It was also the opportunity to listen to Dr. Thomas Smith, Lawrence president, emphasizing the value of a sorority both for the college and for the college woman as an individual. This celebration was the culmination of our centennial project: funds donated by current members of the alumnae chapter were used to purchase the Andrew Wyeth book which was presented to Dr. Smith for the Lawrence library.

Each spring the alumnae chapter honors the Theta seniors at Lawrence at the senior farewell dinner. This year each girl was given a centennial spoon, while the active chapter president received the centennial charm.

One hundred dollars was donated by the alumnae chapter to the active chapter's Theta Scholarship Fund, a gift matching the \$100 earned by the actives themselves.

MARY ROOT DURKEE

ATLANTA

Collegiate Contacts: Atlanta Thetas were busy during 1970-71. A highlight of the year was our Founders' Day banquet at the Midnight Sun Restaurant. About 240 attended, including actives from Emory and the University of Georgia. College awards were presented, and the semi-professional "Theta Minstrels" from Georgia sang an entertaining program.

Our annual get-together with the Emory chapter was a fun swimming party at the home of Dr. Sanford Atwood, president of Emory. Atlanta Thetas look forward to helping Emory make their chapter lodge a re-

ality during the coming year. Another fun get-together with Emory was tried with success this year: Individual alumnae invited Emory girls over for supper in their homes. We plan to continue getting to know each other on this one-to-one basis. Other college-related activities included helping provide refreshments and encouragement for Emory during rush, and presenting four new scholarship awards to chapter members.

We Tried This: Our annual Flaming Festival had a different touch this year: it was held in Underground Atlanta, an interesting redevelopment of historic old buildings beneath the level of the main part of the city. We made a nice profit which was donated to the Institute of Logopedics and two local charities.

We were proud to have a record number (142) dues-paying members, making us first again in membership in Atlanta Panhellenic.

KATHY REEVES McDONALD

AUSTIN

Collegiate Contacts: In an effort to encourage the transition from active to alumnae membership, Austin alumnae honored the seniors of the college chapter at the University of Texas at the Founders' Day luncheon on January 23, 1971. After a delicious meal and friendly conversation, Alumnae President Alma Buaas Kormeier reminded the girls of the responsibilities and privileges awaiting them as alumnae. Each girl was then presented with a black and gold wrapped pot of ivy to symbolize the "on-going life" of Theta. Maxine Robison Harrison was named Theta Alumna of the Year and Marjorie Watson received her fifty-year pin.

Honors To Members: Dorothy Rushing Winters, Texas, is the only woman elected to the State Board of Education . . . Linda Falvey Rowland, Texas, was again named one of the ten Best Dressed Women in Austin . . . Caroline Clarke Howard, Colorado College, was named one of Austin's six outstanding women . . . Margaret Long Parker, Oklahoma, served as general chairman of the Junior League's 1971 Charity Ball . . . Marian Marley McCrummen, Texas, will serve as the 1971-72 president of Junior League of Austin.

CLARE COATES WERKENTHIN

BALTIMORE

Collegiate Contacts: We of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter do not have the opportunity to serve a local chapter. However, we do support Gamma Mu at the University of Maryland which is an hour away. We sent flowers for rush and more recently supplied homemade cookies for the girls at exam time.

In May our president, Sally Huff Leimbach, accompanied the Baltimore chapter of Panhellenic to College Park to meet jointly with the University of Maryland Panhel in an effort to ascertain ways in which to improve the 1971 fall rush program.

We also have future plans to meet with members of Gamma Mu so that they may enlighten us with regard to the exact role of the fraternity system on their particular campus today.

We Tried This: We took special pleasure in sharing our 1971 Founders' Day celebration with the Theta alumnae from Annapolis.

Presenting the Positive: Our major efforts this past year were concentrated on our second Flaming Festi-

val. It was highly successful again this year and we are therefore determined to make it an annual event on the Baltimore scene.

JANE EMMONS GRANT

BIRMINGHAM

Collegiate Contacts: Our own Gwen Berger Straight is the District III College District President and keeps us informed about the activities of the various chapters. Because the three Michigan chapters are some distance from Birmingham, we do not share activities with them during the school year. However, we have a Summer Party and invite all of our local actives. This gives the college girls from many chapters an opportunity to become acquainted and to exchange ideas.

We Tried This: A "Ring Toss" booth at the local village fair is our annual fund raising effort. Thetas and their husbands don old fashioned costumes and man the booth. In a carnival atmosphere, amid ferris wheels, barkers and cotton candy, children stand in line to try for the opportunity to win a stuffed toy.

Some of our artistic and talented members formed a working group called, "Theta Crafters," who created attractive boutique items. Money from the sale of these handmade things benefited the Birmingham Youth Assistance Committee. This idea was developed as our centennial year project.

JERUSHA BUSKEN CARR

BLOOMINGTON

Members of the Bloomington Alumnae Chapter had good cause for rejoicing when they ended the year's program with a luncheon meeting. Reports of the eleventh annual Antique Show, which was held in March this year, were filled with new highs. Attendance was up by 250 patrons from Indiana and out of state and profits were greater than ever.

In appreciation of the support of the community in making the endeavor so successful and in the Theta tradition of offering assistance, the group has designated that a portion of the proceeds from the event shall be directed to the Bloomington Hospital Foundation; also the Institute of Logopedics shall benefit and two members of the I.U. Theta chapter were awarded scholarships for next year.

A special memorial scholarship was given in the name of Jean Harkness Sutton, wife of the former Indiana University president. Jean was a member of our alumnae group until she died in December 1970. The awards were presented to Sally Steele and Phyllis Lazarowitz at the Senior Banquet on May 23, 1971 at the chapter house.

MARJORIE ROACH CLAYTON

BURLINGTON

Collegiate Contacts: For a half century Lambda collegiates and the Burlington alumnae held the northeastern frontier of the fraternity. It was easy and simple for the alumnae to know the girls, to work with them and for them. Now, our contacts with them include the official ones of the Advisory and Corporation Boards which, of course, are not responsible to the alumnae chapter. In addition, we see them at the Founders' Day dinner—this year as their guests; at the pledge party—usually a dessert and a chance to talk with them; and the annual Senior Service. At this, the seniors are our



There's no generation gap as grand v.p. Marty White (l.) has dessert with Delta pledges as guests of Champaign-Urbana alumnae. L. to r., Jennifer Black, Nancy King, Barbara Nibeck, Deb Greenhalgh, pledge trainer.

guests, and the ritual is followed according to the book, and again we have a chance to talk with the girls and learn their plans for the future. On occasion, individuals have a chance to help the girls on something like the annual alumnae letter but they are pretty self sufficient. A chapter which leads the entire University has no need of coaching, although that has been offered in the past.

Because of the crowded early commencement we have had to give up our "June Spread," a dinner where our senior guests, the local and visiting alumnae had a wonderful and memorable dinner together. So far we have nothing to take its place.

HELEN STILES FRENCH

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

Collegiate Contacts: In an effort to become better acquainted with the girls from the college chapter, the University of Illinois alumnae group planned for three of the year's programs to include the girls. The annual Founders' Day banquet is popular with both the girls and alumnae. The special feature this year was a tribute to our own Sara Koerper Henry, wife of the retiring University of Illinois president.

The pledge dessert affords the alumnae the opportunity to meet the new pledge class and hear songs they have prepared for the event.

Replacing the usual formal luncheon for the seniors this year was an informal splash party and picnic at the home of an alumna.

We Tried This: Because we were concerned about area alumnae who are unable to attend evening meetings, we scheduled an afternoon tea which was very successful.

Our ways and means committee again suggested a silent auction to replace the tasting luncheon which has always been popular with the community, but a great deal of work for the alumnae group. The auction netted \$115 with literally no work involved and an evening's entertainment as well.

Instead of the usual picnic to include husbands, the

group this year will sponsor an evening at Sullivan for dinner and a play. This group will travel by bus the 60 miles to the theater.

WANDA BASH WHITSITT

CHICAGO NORTHWEST SUBURBAN

Collegiate Contacts: Since we do not have a college chapter in our area we invited the actives at Northwestern to have lunch with us at our May meeting. We also baked finger desserts and snack items to be frozen and taken to Northwestern for snacks during final week.

We Tried This: We tried a banjo party for our husbands with a young high school group entertaining us with an old fashioned sing-a-long and a late night lasagna supper. We felt it was fun and successful and plan to expand it into a benefit project for the coming year.

Honors To Members: Our Betty Williams Lindstrom, Denison, who is District II's alumnae district president, was honored by Panhellenic as one of the outstanding sorority women of the year . . . Ann Gordon Weed, Colorado College, is serving as chairman of Theta's Illinois Project for Handicapped children . . . Jane Eldridge Carns, Nebraska, is serving Theta as Illinois State Chairman. SUZANNE MOREY ANDERSON

CHICAGO SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN

Collegiate Contacts: Even though our chapter is not in a college town, we have strived to maintain a good relationship with our collegiates. Each year during Christmas vacation, the chapter has a mother-daughter brunch in a member's home. Attendance has remained high and has enabled the collegiates and chapter members to have a closer relationship as well as has enabled the mothers to learn about the sorority and alumnae chapter. During the summer, the rush committees meet with the collegiates to discuss rush and to enlist their help with area rush recommendations.

We Tried This: We try to interest both old and new members by having stimulating programs each month. We have included such programs as a book review, a constitutional convention delegate, picture framing, wine tasting, gourmet treats, and two member participation arts and crafts programs which were very popular. We also tried to personally contact and take new members to meetings and to utilize their talents for committees and programs.

Honors to Members: Dorothy Murphy Van Nest, Illinois, elected to Western Springs elementary school board . . . Carol Bandelin Edmier, Purdue, president of La Grange Junior Infant Welfare and trustee of Western Springs Historical Society . . . Suzanne Reynolds Marshall, Beloit, vice-president of Illinois Theta State Project. CAROL BANDELIN EDMIER

CINCINNATI

Collegiate Contacts: Overall goal? Better communication between alumnae and the active Theta chapter at the University of Cincinnati. A new aid tried was giving the actives' representative pre-addressed postcards on which to jot down a few lines each month to the alumnae representative.

The academic year started with dinners provided by

alumnae for rush-exhausted actives. The new pledges were given felt kite bookmarks. Actives joined us in giving a Halloween party for the Resident Home for the Mentally Retarded. An Alumnae Snack Bar at the Theta House on initiation day was a great success. (In the past many of the girls had become faint, having neglected to eat anything all day before the banquet that evening!) A fashion show was held in May with actives and alumnae modeling. Potted pansies were given to each graduating senior—marking a beginning in a new role in Theta as an alumna.

We Tried This: Once again our "Make, Sew, Bake, Grow" auction raised the budget considerably. Area workshops, in place of the usual general meetings held in October and February, stimulated interest and attendance, were conducted simultaneously as combination social-hour workshops to make boutique table items.

Honors To Members: Ann McFarland Timmerman received the Alumnae Service Award . . . The Haven Jones Eberle Award was received by Mary Cortright Sternberg.

NANCY CHACE

CLEVELAND

Presenting the Positive: Cleveland Thetas went all out on a luncheon-fashion show to raise money for an expensive hearing evaluation machine, known as a sound pressure level meter, for the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center. The gala affair was held at the Shaker Heights Country Club. Fashions were furnished by Bonwit Teller, who sent two of their New York fashion directors for the occasion. Clothes were modeled by Thetas as well as professional models. It was a smash success socially and financially.

We Tried This: Cleveland Thetas entertained our husbands with a pot luck supper, followed by old time movies and a Dixieland jazz band.

Another successful trial balloon was launched when Cleveland Thetas held our first joint meeting with local Kappa Kappa Gammas during Metropolitan Opera Week (which drew record crowds to Cleveland). Mrs. Francis Kelley gave summations of the operas, and sang several arias, to make "The Met's" presentations more meaningful and enjoyable.

Honors to Members: Gladys Breen Hill, Ohio Wesleyan, has been elected president of the College Club of Cleveland, as well as serving as first vice-president of Church Women United in Greater Cleveland.

MARJORIE EHLERT SCHULTZ

COLORADO SPRINGS

Collegiate Contacts: Sharing fun and serious times with our Colorado College actives was one of the highlights of our happy year. The true meaning of Theta was reviewed together in a reverent candlelight ceremony at the chapter house. Founders' Day, celebrated with actives and well attended, was complete with two visiting district college and alumnae officers. Actives were very much a part of our annual Christmas Auction national philanthropy benefit by bringing hand-made gifts, and they participated in our annual Kite Fly by creating boutique items for sale. The alumnae presented color T.V. and a silver serving set to the Colorado College chapter.

We Tried This: Successful endeavors for the year include the annual "Kite and Key" event with Kappa

alumnae and plans for an activity with the Pi Phi's. Our Kite Festival and Contest involving the Park and Recreation Department, U. S. Air Force Academy, U. S. Army and groups of handicapped children was spectacular, creating a great community image for Theta. News coverage was fantastic.

Honors to Members: Norveta White Penkhous was reappointed to the Colorado Council on Arts and Humanities, received invitation to appear in *Who's Who of American Women*, and was presented an award for outstanding work for the Colorado Springs Symphony . . . Kay Robinson Cannon completed term as president of the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

SUSAN PHILLIPS NYGREN

COLUMBUS

Collegiate Contacts: While the March kites were flying high, the alumnae invited Ohio State's Alpha Gamma active chapter to hear Nancy Clatworthy, Ph.D, discuss "Values of Today's Generation." The actives provided some very thought provoking comments on their current values, as we "oldsters" tried to explain our thoughts and ideals as they were then and as they are now. It provided a lively discussion for Dr. Clatworthy who has a Theta daughter and is very up to date on current social issues. There were collegiates in attendance at other alumnae programs held throughout the year. Also the actives and alumnae worked together on organizing District Day which was held in April in Columbus.

We Tried This: Instead of always leaving our husbands at home, this year we had a wine tasting party, complete with barbershop harmony. The event was well attended by Thetas, hubbys and guests. Another innovation was to invite the Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae to a tea and tour of the Columbus Art Gallery, in honor of both of our 100th birthdays. We hope to continue an annual meeting with another alumnae group to further Panhellenic relations.

Honors To Members: Margaret Michel Tarbutton, Ohio Wesleyan, was honored as Columbus Theta of the Year . . . Jean Waid Reilly, Ohio State, an advocate of continuing education for women, was chosen Outstanding Columbus Club Woman for 1971.

RUTH EICKELBERG THOMAS

DAYTON

Collegiate Contacts: Dayton alumnae have "adopted" the nearby Miami chapter to share activities and fellowship. In the spring we provide a Senior Service for the future graduates. Last April, 22 seniors were honored and a white rose was presented to each girl. Refreshments were served and our conversations centered around alumnae activities and how seniors could get involved after graduation.

Our annual "Breakfast with Collegiates" was held in December with 52 Thetas in attendance. Twelve actives represented our chapters at Butler, Colorado, Denison, Miami and Ohio State. The actives informed us of ideas and trends prevalent on the campuses today.

We Tried This: The program for our meetings this year was planned to aid us in learning more about community agencies. Topics included Child Care Centers, Metropolitan Public Housing, Educational Resource Centers and a tour of the County Jail. The pro-



Now, look here! Thetas may be strong, but not strong enough to do all that digging. Still, we give them "A" for effort—I. to r., Cleveland's officers Karel Kingham Schurdell, Lois Champney Cornell, Marjorie Smith Pilcher—and for the chapter gift of two flowering hawthorne trees to Shaker Lakes Regional Nature Center.

The speaker was a Theta with both a Theta and a Kappa daughter; the audience was a mixture of both Kappa and Theta alumnae; the place was Rockford where the joint celebration of Theta-Kappa Centennials made a big Panhellenic hit. L. and r., presidents Mrs. E. Calhoun, Kappa, and Gail Lund Mattison, Theta. Center, Beverlie Briggs Maynard, Theta, the speaker.

MORE CENTENNIAL



It might look as though the kite is heavier than the key in this pic, but Colorado Springs Thetas and Kappas say they are working for fraternity harmony; this makes them equal. In honor of Centennial for both groups, the first Kite and Key Luncheon was held, will become an annual event. Shown: alumnae presidents—Theta Norvetta Penkhus, Kappa Mrs. Neil R. Gerhart.



gram was successful in helping our members to become more aware of community projects.

VIRGINIA MUSSLER RODKE

DES MOINES

Collegiate Contacts: Founders' Day was a special celebration for us this year, it being the 50th anniversary of our chapter at Drake University. Three founders of the chapter were honored by the actives and Des Moines alumnae. Those receiving porcelain pansy arrangements were DeEtte Gracey, Leta Carson and Mabel Burnett. Drake Relays weekend found about 75 Theta alumnae returning for the festivities of a fifty-year reunion.

We Tried This: Our social event of the year, and our biggest money making project was our annual bazaar and boutique. The profits realized were donated to the Des Moines Center of Science and Industry, the Retarded Childrens Pre-school and our own Drake chapter. The money given to the science center will maintain for another year the popular chick hatchery that we gave them last year. A projector and a sizeable check were donated to the pre-school for their much needed and worthwhile contribution to education. Our Drake Chapter Corporation Board received \$300 with which to redecorate several bedrooms. Interested alumnae and actives are planning to shop for new curtains and bedspreads.

Honors To Members: Gretchen Utterback Ashby was honored as an outstanding alumna by Drake University.

SUE NELSON LAWSON

DETROIT

Presenting the Positive: Our Birmingham group conducted a most successful scavenger hunt this spring. Circulars were prepared and distributed in advance and the Thetas took to ringing doorbells for the Institute of Logopedics. Generous neighbors donated pencils, rubber bands, paper and other badly needed supplies for which the Institute had earlier sent out an appeal.

The annual Christmas card sale, which was headed by Marcia Mower Courtney, netted a sizeable profit which was equally divided among the Institute of Logopedics, the Detroit Orthopaedic Clinic, the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children and our annual scholarship. The scholarship was awarded this year to a deserving Theta from the University of Michigan.

We hope that these activities and contributions demonstrate Theta's concern for others and will thus help to present a positive fraternity image and aid in dispelling criticism of the system.

JOSETTE FISCHER HOSKING

EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE

Collegiate Contacts: In the realm of friendship and sisterhood, a 100th anniversary tea for new members was held in September, at the Kenilworth, Illinois, home of Mrs. Virginia Lauderdale Grimm, a former grand president.

Founders' Day was celebrated in January 1971 at the Northwestern University chapter house where members of the Evanston-North Shore Alumnae Chapters were guests.

In turn, Mrs. Julia Anderson, housemother, and

Robin Lester, president, of the Northwestern University chapter were our guests at the May luncheon and book review held at the Glen View Club.

We Tried This: Three fund raising projects were undertaken this year. The November benefit, "A Gourmet Happening," was presented by Chef Louis Szathmary at the Kenilworth Club. The owner of The Bakery restaurant in Chicago, he has an international reputation.

The Marathon Bridge Tournament continued to be popular, and the White Elephant Auction was an added success at the January regional luncheons.

The increased proceeds from these activities have enabled our chapter to begin supporting a local children's North Shore charity along with our donations to the Institute of Logopedics and Cook County Hospital.

PRISCILLA KAHN MORTIMER

FORT WORTH

Collegiate Contacts: We enjoyed being with the T.C.U. actives many times throughout the year. Bertha Clayton Seymour, Texas, had the pledge night dinner at her home in September. The Gamma Psi actives served as hostesses at our Flaming Festival in October. In February the alumnae had an ice skating party for families and friends. We invited the T.C.U. actives to come and bring their dates. January brought Founders' Day in the chapter room. A delicious buffet and reminiscing on the founding of Gamma Psi in 1955 made it a memorable evening. The "Auntie Mame" program, where alumnae adopt a pledge, has been fun!

We Tried This: Seeking out new Theta alumnae in our city and taking them to alumnae meetings has been our goal this year.

Honors To Members: Emily Guthrie Smith, Oklahoma, had an exhibition of her paintings at Carlin Galleries . . . Rossie Stiles Baker, Texas Tech, is president of Cook's Hospital Auxiliary . . . Betty Hickman Wilchar, T.C.U., is president of Aquarius '70, Women's Club . . . Diane Ware Shipman, Texas, is treasurer of the Junior League . . . Lynn Overlees Searcy, Oklahoma, is president of Edna Gladney Auxiliary.

BETTIE LU OGAN WASHBURN

HARTFORD

Presenting the Positive: We Tried Harder in 1966 when we decided to "change our community image" with a Flaming Festival! Since then, profits AND publicity have gone to the Institute of Logopedics and the library of the new University of Hartford, Hartford's inner-city Sherwood Forest Zoo, furnishings for Noah Webster's birthplace, Children's Museum of Hartford, Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Scholarship Fund. Coming up: our sixth Flaming Festival, this for the Institute's Evaluation Unit and the Connecticut Association for Children with Perceptual Learning Disabilities. We're Trying Harder NOW for greater profits and positive fraternity publicity!

We Tried This: We Tried Harder to greet new members via a membership column in our newsletter; to show appreciation by writing thank-yous to members who've moved away.

JO SJOSTROM LIDDY

HOUSTON

Collegiate Contacts: The members of the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta so enjoy see-



"Tommy," who has a learning disability, is able to attend the Language Development School in Fort Worth because groups like the Theta alumnae help support it. Also shown is Theta Frances Hackney Nash who chaired the Flaming Festival which raised \$2,000 for a number of charities and the Institute of Logopedics.



Though he looks puzzled, this little fellow knows he's lucky to be at Children's Memorial Clinic, Chicago, and aided by Theta's Illinois Project for Handicapped Children. Shown, Ann Gordon Weed of Chicago NW Suburban alumnae who is now chairman of the state-wide program with its many gifts of time and money.

IT IS BETTER TO GIVE



Indianapolis Star Photo

The songs says, "Santa is coming to town!" But does he really? In Indianapolis he does. He comes to Santa's House, a fairy-fantasyland, first opened at Christmas 1970 by Theta alumnae and due for a return engagement, 1971. Santa's helpful Theta elves do a lot of the work. Shown, l. to r. Anne Temple Weigel, Betty Sechrist Stanford, Joyce Cunningham Smith, Susie Cochran Meeks, Janet Vance Smith. Money goes to Theta philanthropies.

ing our actives when they are home from college. The December alumnae meeting is always in the form of a coffee honoring the actives, pledges and their mothers. The June luncheon meeting also includes the actives. Ideas are shared on rush and the coming year.

We Tried This: A special scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,000 has just been created in the name of Virginia Bryant Shilstone, one of the founders of the Houston Theta Charity Antique Show. This fund will be financed each year by a portion of the proceeds from the Theta Charity Antique Show. It will be available to active Thetas in District XII who need help to continue their education and their activities in Kappa Alpha Theta.

An innovation has been made this year because of the 80-90 new-to-Houston Thetas who arrive each year. A separate officer invites these ladies to our meetings and helps them get there. The superb results of this program can be seen in the number of new-to-Houston dues paying members. RUTH ANN ELMER DUSEK

KANSAS CITY

Collegiate Contacts: Perhaps our most outstanding achievement was the giving of two scholarship awards, one to a University of Missouri Theta and one to an Oklahoma State Theta. This spring we have had many inquiries and applications and will soon be making one or two more awards, establishing this gift as an annual award.

In March our chapter helped Kansas State University Thetas celebrate the tenth anniversary of their founding with a monetary gift.

For several years we have aided the nearby chapter of Alpha Upsilon at Washburn University by giving a yearly gift of money to them. This past year, however, our alumnae chapter gave them a tree for their yard . . . a much needed gift since the house and property were destroyed by a tornado several years ago. Eleven of our alumnae attended their monthly luncheon meeting in November and made the presentation.

We send congratulatory notes to all our new pledges and their parents, and at Christmas we have a coffee for all of our collegiates and their mothers, an annual affair held in the home of an alumna.

We Tried This: A cocktail party was held in February for members and their husbands at the home of one of our alumnae. A big success and well attended. Plans are for another next year.

KAREN KIRK RICHARDS

LAFAYETTE

Collegiate Contacts: The Lafayette Alumnae Chapter entertained the Purdue chapter pledges with a dessert party last October. The collegiates were welcomed by Betty Neisler King, alumnae chapter president, after which they introduced themselves.

In January the two groups celebrated Founders' Day with lunch at the Lafayette Country Club. Mrs. Alexander Jones, the Alpha Phi wife of the president of Butler University, was guest speaker.

In May the alumnae entertained the seniors with a dessert, homemade ice cream! They were presented with address books and collected addresses "on the spot."

Twice during the year at "exam" time the alumnae chapter members took treats of apples, homemade cookies and candy, and so on to the Theta house for the studying girls.

We Tried This: It has been the custom to invite the girls to homes for the aforementioned parties but at the workshop held in Indianapolis at Indiana State Day we learned in one discussion group that there is a better attendance at alumnae-collegiate parties when they are held at the Theta house. So the alumnae brought the final party to the collegiates at the Theta house.

HARRIET ROGERS KOHLMAYER

LANSING-EAST LANSING

Highlights of a busy and satisfying year for the Greater Lansing-East Lansing Alumnae Chapter reflect an emphasis on "Harmony with Others."

Collegiate Contacts: We had a memorable evening right after Grand Convention 1970 when chairman Betty Robertson arranged to entertain the Beta Pi pledges and invited the Pi, Albion, collegiates to visit us and present their skit, "Oliver," with the same bounce and gusto they had exhibited at Coronado.

At Christmas time chairman Gretchen Forsyth invited Theta grandmothers, mothers and daughters plus Theta collegiates with their mothers for a holiday cup of coffee at the home of Jean Hays.

In turn, Michigan State collegiates entertained us at an informal brunch commemorating Theta's 101st birthday in January 1971. This drew a sizeable crowd to the chapter house.

We Tried This: On a snowy afternoon in February 1971 Thetas Lucy Hofmann and Kathy Schubert delighted members of our alumnae chapter, plus Pi Beta Phi alumnae and other guests, with a crisp salad luncheon followed by a fashion show featuring models from both alumnae groups.

Earlier, to raise money for philanthropies, with chairmen Jean VanderMeer, Sue Bacon and Ann Rosewarne in charge, we sponsored our Sugar and Spice Candy Shop in the second annual Panhellenic Bazaar.

SYLVIA STADLE RUNDQUIST

LONG BEACH

Presenting the Positive: The Epilepsy Clinic in Long Beach is most grateful for our continued support. The clinic is a non-profit corporation supported by only private donations. A neurologist from the U.C.L.A. Medical Center donates his time at the clinic. We are pleased that our philanthropic service will go towards helping the 1,100 patients treated each year.

We Tried This: At our Founders' Day luncheon in January we honored our eight past presidents along with our fifty-year Thetas. This brought a good response from our local members.

Honors To Members: Mary Kukura Klingensmith, U.C.S.B., has just finished her term as president of the Junior League of Long Beach.

CYNTHIA COMBS COOPER

LONG ISLAND

Presenting the Positive: Since we have no collegiate contacts, the club decided to undertake a project for the blind students attending a nearby college. This in-

volves reading their textbooks aloud, and recording them on cassettes. The students then take their notes from the tapes.

We Tried This: Since we meet during the day and many of our members have small children, we try to hire a babysitter or two to watch the children while we conduct our business meeting. This helps many of us who need to find a sitter.

Honors to Members: Judy Foster Thiede, William and Mary, is the chairman of the Fresh Air Fund in Huntington and surrounding areas.

COLLEEN MCKINSTRY NEWELL

LOS ANGELES

Collegiate Contacts: Collegiates from UCLA joined us for Founders' Day, 1971 at Michael's Restaurant. At the Founders' Day luncheon the following fifty-year Thetas were honored: Carlyse Canady Hunt, Dorothy Scheibel Thurman, Lou Emma Waters Robinson, Katherine Perry Lambeau. Earlier we had given a dinner for collegiates from Omicron at Southern California at the home of Marion Reed Davies.

We Tried This: For the first time our alumnae chapter has given Woman of the Year Awards. The first two recipients (1970) were Carol De Fevre Spicer, Arizona, and Fran Klein Wohlwend, Iowa, for their services to Theta.

Honors To Members: Jane Cooper Rhodes, UCLA, is first vice-president of the board of directors of the UCLA Alumnae Association... Jacqueline Block Leisure, UCLA, was given an appreciation award by the UCLA Alumnae Association in May 1970 for her work in numerous organizations.

MARJORIE HAMILTON BERRITT

LUBBOCK

Collegiate Contacts: We in Lubbock are lucky to have a top college chapter to work with as well as a great group of mothers in the Lubbock Mothers' Club. Our "happiness" theme for the year was a natural result of our feelings about our brand new lodge. Our mutual interest in the new lodge provided a basis of contact between alumnae and actives which has brought us into a closer relationship.

Each year our alumnae chapter and Mothers' Club honor Texas Tech actives and pledges at a buffet dinner in October. This serves to acquaint alumnae and actives with one another at the beginning of the school year. On Founders' Day, we got together with the actives for a Saturday brunch. Our scholarship banquet was held in March. Dinner menus were made up according to grade averages. Since Texas Tech won first in scholarship in the district, there weren't many girls having that good old Texas favorite—pinto beans! In April, Lubbock alumnae and Mothers' Club honored graduating seniors at a salad supper. We had our traditional Ivy Service. All members of Texas Tech chapter were invited.

We Tried This: At one of our meetings we had a guest luncheon where every member was to bring a guest who was an alumna of another sorority. Great idea for inter-sorority harmony.

Honors To Members: Ann Rathjen Reeves elected to Outstanding Young Women of America.

MARISUE POUNDERS SMITH

MIAMI

Collegiate Contacts: Since the chapter has a large representation from Florida State University, we have had a close tie with this active chapter vicariously. In honor of their house re-dedication a check was sent and used to purchase script numbers for the exterior. After it was voted to adopt formally an active chapter, all look forward to the rewarding experience. Biannually we entertain the collegiates in our area with a mother-daughter Christmas coffee and potluck supper before schools restart.

We Tried This: This year our programs have expanded to make us more knowledgeable of today's problems. After a study of drug problems and a presentation on its effects in our community, our local support and main philanthropic endeavor were given to a drug rehabilitation service. This financial aid has made it possible to extend efforts in maintaining a home for live-in and out-patient care plus additional informational services.

The interest in recreational facilities (previously established: a park area) for disadvantaged youth was continued by sending a child to camp and sustaining funds for visiting teachers.

We have worked with other sorority alumnae in supporting their benefits and in return they have reciprocated. Improved relations strengthen the fraternity image.

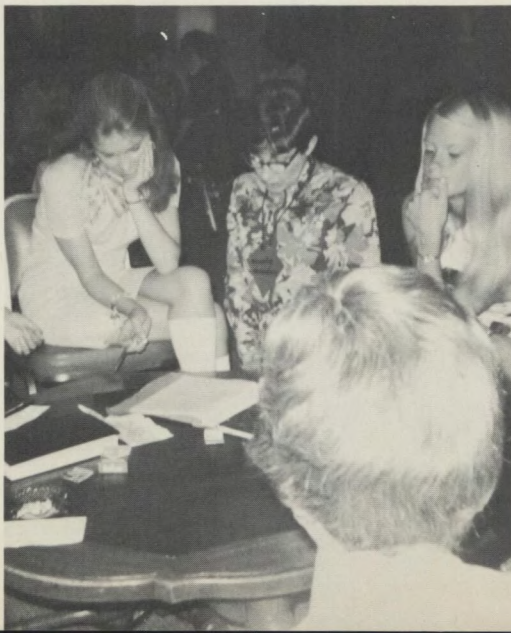
WALSH WASHINGTON

MILWAUKEE

Collegiate Contacts: We began our college contacts with a picnic at the home of Betty Grede Davis. We invited all Milwaukee area college Thetas plus daughters and friends of our active alumnae.

Around New Years Patti Parsons Ketelhohn held a board luncheon for Jane Gallup, grand vice-president in charge of college programs. She brought us up to date on the many problems confronting sororities today. We decided to do something. Five of us went to Madison in January to attend their alumnae meeting. There Joyce Cordon, our college district president called our attention to an outstanding Theta active in financial need. She felt if we helped here, we would be

"Needing and caring was a bridge to build on."—This is what made the mini-workshops of the Minneapolis and St. Paul alumnae and Minnesota Thetas worthwhile.



helping the whole sorority. We gave her \$600 and have successfully raised the \$600 from our alumnae in three months. This is only one problem solved out of many, and we hope to find more and solve more.

We Tried This: We discovered a new program arrangement which allows more Theta friendship than having all formal meetings and luncheons. We have started craft and interest groups which meet twice a month at the home of Ronnie Smith Koss. We come and go, bring our lunch and children, and work on ties, Macrame, candles, scarves with berets, and ornaments. We also plan four major meetings including Founders' Day.

NANCY BEREND FORBES

MINNEAPOLIS

Collegiate Contacts: "We are more alike than different in our thinking about sorority problems" was the comment one alumna made after attending a Minneapolis-St. Paul meeting with collegiates at the University of Minnesota Theta house.

Close to 100 Thetas joined to discuss the following questions which were resolved after meetings with actives, alumnae boards and correspondence with Central Office. 1. How can alumnae and collegiates work together to interest more girls in rush? 2. As an upper-classman, why is Theta still meaningful to you and to other girls it no longer holds interest? 3. Are college girls and alumnae interested in an active-alum relationship on a one-to-one basis? 4. What standards according to the "statement of policy" are expected of Thetas? How can standards be made more relevant to Thetas today?

These mini-workshops opened up avenues of communication between actives and alumnae. Alumnae came away with a feeling that the actives really needed them. The actives felt that the alumnae cared. Needing and caring was a bridge to build upon. The ultimate conclusion... some change is needed.

We Tried This: This year our Minnetonka Lake Area Group was formed. One meeting, with an emphasis on ecology, featured a talk by Richard Gray, president of the Foundation for the Fresh Water Biological Institute. The Institute will be built on Lake Minnetonka. The Lake Thetas also created wooden dolls for our fifth Annual Flaming Festival October 1971.

DEBBY PATTY NESBIT

NASHVILLE

Collegiate Contacts: Our alumnae chapter has been very pleased with the results of our collegiate contacts. Prior to school each fall we host a picnic to discuss rush, asking if we can assist the Vanderbilt chapter in some way we may have overlooked. And this fall our college girls hosted a tea for us! It was here that each alumna "Auntie Mame" met her "niece" and got acquainted. We later gathered for a Christmas tea honoring Theta actives from Nashville and their mothers. Each Founders' Day the actives join the alumnae for a celebration. This year we tried to plan functions which required no transportation for the girls, gathering either at the house or at the new University Club on the campus.

We Tried This: For something different this year we gave a breakfast for the seniors at the house. This seemed especially enjoyed and appreciated. Here we

presented our Senior Service, giving each senior a silver pansy spoon.

Honors To Thetas: Betty Nelson Burch is the past president of the Junior League and Mary Schlatter Stumb is this year's president... Dudley Brown Morgan is chairman of the Symphony Ball... Gertrude Sharp Caldwell is chairman of the Swan Ball, with Ambassador Dudley's wife, Jane Anderson Dudley, as honorary chairman.

NANCY MONDAY GLASS

NEW ORLEANS

Collegiate Contacts: The New Orleans Alumnae Chapter has experienced a very close relationship with the college chapter at Newcomb. Our alumnae Advisory Board has guided the actives through a successful year and the alumnae in our chapter have participated in the rush activities by donating both time and food.

We Tried This: Our fund raising project this year was a style show and brunch held at The Plimsoll Club on top of the International Trade Mart Building, March 3. Twenty Thetas from Newcomb and the alumnae chapter modeled clothes and our guests were treated to a tasty brunch. As a result of this effort, we presented a sizeable check to Dr. J. K. Lagueite, head of our local philanthropy, the Tulane Speech and Hearing Center.

Honors to Members: Two of our alumnae were honored at Founders' Day this year. Marion Brown Lyons was given a special award for her faithful work in Theta... Margery Hixon Long, our alumnae Advisory Board chairman, was Theta of the Year.

SHIRLEY SCALES WEBER

OKLAHOMA CITY

Presenting the Positive: The Oklahoma City chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta has always presented a positive view in our community. Recently we voted to make donations to two worthy community causes—the YWCA and the Exceptional Children's Training Center in neighboring Edmond. Not only will Theta money be involved but Theta hearts will also. Edye Dandridge Draper, Oklahoma, is executive director of the YWCA and Nova Henderson Cox, Oklahoma State, is director of the Training Center. To let the community know we are interested in its needs and to let other Thetas know that we support their ideals can't help but project a positive image of our fraternity.

We Tried This: To celebrate our mutual 100th Birthday, we joined with the Kappa alumnae for a Christmas Open House that proved to be a "Holiday Highlight." What a way to have fun—and at the same time strengthen Greek unity!

Honors to Members: Ann Lee Byrd, Oklahoma, president of Oklahoma City chapter of Phi Beta Kappa... Gwendolyn Levers Davis, Oklahoma State, 1971 Merit Mother for State of Oklahoma... Gladys Darnell Gockel, Oklahoma, president of Republican Women's Club... Eleanor Blake Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma, Theta Sigma Phi Community Service Award.

LILLIAN MORGAN COX

OMAHA

Collegiate Contacts: We have "adopted" the active chapter at Nebraska and have worked closely with them this year. Two actives sat on the Omaha Rush



The Institute of Logopedics, Theta's major philanthropic interest, is always many dollars richer from proceeds of Kansas City's annual Flaming Festival. A recent Festival showed tables of all eras. This Antique Boudoir was done by Carol Montgomery Bennett (l.) with Jacqueline Price Anning, Myrna Frazer Davis, Mary Mantz Griffith.

IT IS BETTER TO GIVE



The Seattle donation to the local Institute of Laryngeal Research this year also contained a special memorial gift honoring Josephine Meissner Quigley, a founder of the alumnæ chapter, who died recently. Theta Jacklyn Fisher Meurk, board member of the Institute, presented the check as (l.) Seattle president Louise Clendening Tillman and (r.) Sharon Gemberling Crockett, 1971 Flaming Festival chairman gave approval.



With the addition of a 1971 check, contributions of Philadelphia alumnæ to The Pathway School in the ten-year period of their support are near the \$8,000 mark. Also happy over the chapter's certificate of excellence from the Philadelphia Inquirer for civic work, these chapter presidents (past and present) joined in The Pathway presentation: l. to r., Carol Hoyt Burns, Mary Colvert Carroll and Marjorie Beacom Broderick.

Board and all Omaha actives assisted with rush. Omaha alumnae helped in the kitchen during rush week. The "Rho Representative" on the board keeps us well informed on activities of Nebraska Thetas. We sent a \$100 Christmas gift to the House Corporation and \$50 for treats during finals. We had an annual Christmas Coffee for Omaha actives, mothers and alumnae. Omaha alumnae attended the initiation banquet and awarded a \$300 scholarship to a deserving active, Kathleen Lonnquist. She and the Nebraska chapter president visited our May meeting and spoke to us about matters which concerned them. Working so closely with Nebraska, we feel a better understanding and awareness of wants, needs and goals of the younger members of Theta.

We Tried This: The board members had a sherry party welcoming all new alumnae so that they might become better acquainted.

Honors to Members: Virginia Chain Schmid was chosen Omaha Panhellenic Woman of the Year... The *Omaha World Herald* selected Ann Lindley Spence one of the outstanding women of Nebraska, 1970... Susan Thompson Buffett was elected president of Nebraska Planned Parenthood.

CHRISTINA PERRIN REVIS

PALO ALTO

Presenting the Positive: As alumnae who treasure the memories of the good times we had as active Thetas, the Palo Alto chapter is doing its best to present the community with a positive image of the fraternity system. With this goal, we presented our spring benefit, "Tables in the Limelight," at the home of Alice Hardy Paulsen, Nevada, under the chairmanship of Kathy Rosenthal Fuller, DePauw.

Twenty-five charity-oriented organizations displayed their table settings in the lovely Atherton garden for the pleasure of our 500 guests. Three money prizes, which were to be given to the winning groups' philanthropies, were awarded for the competition.

In addition, our guests enjoyed tea while making their purchases of home baked goods, cookbooks of recipes from our members' annual Gourmet Luncheon, handmade boutique items and art work of talented Thetas. The \$1600 proceeds of our gala affair will be donated to the Institute of Logopedics and local handicapped and underprivileged children's organizations.

JULIE VANCE KELLER

PASADENA

Collegiate Contacts: What a pleasure it is to "adopt" two college chapters, USC and UCLA. Victoria Irving Krueger, USC and Nancy Ritter Sammann, Oregon, serve on the Advisory Board at USC; Elizabeth Green Gavigan, San Jose State, and Helen Buscher Franke, Lawrence, serve on the board at UCLA. The heads of the college Advisory Boards, Jean Tunny, USC, and Jody Meyers, UCLA, are ex-officio members of our board. Each year Pasadena presents a Theta pin to the new initiate with the highest scholarship, on alternate years to USC and UCLA. Danielle Dietrich, USC, is the winner this year.

A traditional Christmas Coffee is given each Christmas holiday for college Thetas and their mothers.

Honors To Members: Diane Davis Manning, San

Diego State, received her Master of Art Exhibit and will soon present a one man show... Nancy Hammond Clemens, UCLA, retires as president of the Huntington Memorial Clinic Auxiliary... Nancy Robinson Renick will serve as president of Pasadena Junior League... Gladys Rebok Marble, Mimi Marble Howes, and Cynthia Howes, all SC, share a family of honors. Cynthia Howes was honored as outstanding class pledge and initiated with her grandmother Gladys Marbles' pin with 50 years of Theta history. Cynthia Howes spent her summer vacation working at the San Clemente White House. ELAINE JOHNSON MCCRORY

PHILADELPHIA

Collegiate Contacts: Because we are now an alumnae chapter without our own college chapter we have "adopted" Mu chapter at Allegheny. We plan a yearly donation toward a fund which will be used to send an additional member of their chapter to Grand Convention.

We Tried This: A new target for support from Philadelphia alumnae is Daemion House, a self-help drug crisis center set up to help young people cope with the problem of drug abuse and misuse. A contribution of \$200 was presented to this recently formed center.

Honors To Members: A certificate of excellence was awarded to the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* "Tribute to Clubwomen" contest for 1971. Thirteen area women's organizations were selected from some 200 entrants on the basis of results achieved through club efforts, involvement of members, usefulness to the community and originality of their contributions. By winning this award we hope to show that the unfavorable social image of sororities is a thing of the past. Involvement in and commitment to issues of our times is the focus of today's fraternity women.

MARY FROMHART FRANKS

PITTSBURGH

Collegiate Contacts: Such an exciting challenge to work with two college chapters, one at the University of Pittsburgh, the other at Carnegie-Mellon University. As alumnae we furnish two advisory and two corporation boards and this year made a special effort to meet with the two collegiate chapters often. Although we had no specific program, getting better acquainted between alumnae and collegiates was stressed. Upon a request from the college chapters, the alumnae financially assisted each college chapter in sending a delegate to a Leadership Conference sponsored by Carnegie-Mellon University. The collegiates found the conference helpful and were grateful that we had made it possible for them to attend. Next year each college chapter will have a college-alumnae relations chairman on the executive committee of our alumnae chapter.

At Founders' Day we were greatly honored to have our grand vice-president, alumnae program, Willie Metzger with us, and alumnae and collegiates were all one in our praise and enjoyment of her inspiring talk.

We Tried This: We have revamped our Rush Recommendations Board and now have an over-all coordinator of 19 Pittsburgh area chairmen. Each area chairman is responsible for sending recommendations from her area directly to the college rush chairman.

ANNABEL MONTGOMERY CLINTON

RENO

Collegiate Contacts: "Let's Get Together" was our theme for the ice cream social held last fall. Pledges and alumnae created their own calorie delights while discussing the outlook of sorority life on the University of Nevada campus.

We Tried This: New and exciting described our Fashion Show production entitled "Calendar of Fashion." Co-chairman Janice Crumley Pine and Lee Ann Zimmerman MacKenzie used the varied holidays in spring and summer to work in an assortment of beautiful fashions. For our opera season a local couturier flew in an elegant collection from New York for our show. Frankie Fennelli, a professional entertainer and our master of ceremonies, sang the theme from *Love Story* to our bride on a revolving stage. Actives from our local college chapter were represented in the audience as hostesses and on stage in the role of the Now Generation models. Net profit for the show was \$600 which was given to the Institute of Logopedics and the Speech and Hearing Division of our local Easter Seal Society.

Honors To Members: Diane Spina McBeth was given the Alumna of the Year award by our chapter.

SHARON LYMAN QUINN

ROCHESTER

Presenting the Positive: Last fall we held our first Flaming Festival, the proceeds of which went to the Al Sigl Center here in Rochester and the Institute of Logopedics. The Al Sigl Center is a rehabilitation and therapy center for handicapped children, teenagers and adults.

To say our festival was a smashing success would be an understatement. People were greeted at the door by beautiful Santa Lucia Brides with burning candles atop their heads. Upon entering the room one was immediately attracted to the various table displays of beauty and versatility created by Rochester designers, Panhellenic groups and our own Theta sisters. There was a Candle Corner with candles of every size, shape and color imaginable. Hundreds of different and cleverly done crafts could be found at the boutique and many of the latest fashions were shown during the luncheon.

The people of our community were well aware of our contributions to these worthwhile causes thanks to the news media and their presence at the festival.

We Tried This: At our May meeting we held a shower of gifts for the Institute of Logopedics and the Al Sigl Center. Many small but essential items were collected and sent on their way. What a wonderful feeling to be a part of such worthwhile undertakings. The chain that binds all Thetas together also binds us to our fellow men. This feeling is worth more than all the money in the world.

LINDA BOWMAN

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Presenting the Positive: Summer plans for our group included a work project where we painted and generally "spruced up" a day care center in a disadvantaged area of the community.

Before our September meeting President Barbara Collinge Sarkisian, Calif.-Berkeley, sent out letters to all the alumnae in response to an appeal by the local

chapter of the Red Cross asking us to bring small items for Christmas packages for our servicemen overseas. She listed several suggested gift items and the response from the members was most rewarding.

We Tried This: Although it was not new to us this year, we feel our "Happening," which is very popular with our group, is a good idea to share. The "Happening" is a couples' party where the destination is a surprise. The chairmen plan an evening including dinner and entertainment. Thetas and their husbands gather, board a bus and find out what the plans for the evening are when they arrive at their destination.

JOAN SWANSON JANTZEN

ST. LOUIS

Collegiate Contacts: St. Louis alumnae provided homes, food and helpers for rush week at Washington University-St. Louis in the fall. Ideas and suggestions were shared at an informal "hash" session in October. The actives assisted with our fund raising project, "Tasty Treat" (taste luncheon), and worked as volunteers for the Good Shepherd School, our local philanthropy. They attended Founders' Day, Christmas dessert and our April meeting.

An "Auntie Mame" program was instituted whereby individual alumnae offered their homes and friendship to every active who wanted to participate. In return for all their kindnesses, they were treated to a "Steak and Beans" dinner by the actives.

We Tried This: A "Theta-of-the-Month" program was initiated to honor the many loyal and dedicated Thetas for their years of service and loyalty to Theta and the community. The first recipient was Bertha Jorndt Roth who received a bone china bowl of pansies. Two other deserving Thetas, Lois Rake Metzner and Eugenia Hauck Buder, were recognized in April and May. All "Thetas-of-the-Month" will be honored each year at Founders' Day.

Honors To Members: Jane Bridges Ferrenbach is president of the St. Louis Rotary and state chairman of the DAR convention... Carol Robert Armstrong is president of Randolph-Macon and Duke University Alumnae Clubs.

SUSIE OVIATT McMILLAN

ST. PAUL

Collegiate Contacts: A tradition of the combined St. Paul and Minneapolis chapters is giving senior gifts to the graduating seniors at the University of Minnesota. This year the gifts were presented at the joint Founders' Day celebration. Another tradition is the St. Paul chapter's presentation of a scholarship award to the collegiate most improved in this area. We've also started taking monthly treats to the active girls in the form of yum yum "caring packages."

Active and alumnae Panhellenics are cooperating in authoring and publishing a marvelous new pro-Greek interest pamphlet to be distributed to potential University of Minnesota female students. This was the idea of an alumna Panhellenic member and there is much optimism concerning the potential long term results of this effort!

We Tried This: Because we care, and because the cause has touched our chapter (one husband and one brother missing), both St. Paul alumnae and Upsilon

chapter aided the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. Both groups distributed bumper stickers and wrote letters.

We also were a part of trying a new approach to our joint May meeting. This includes St. Paul, Minneapolis and the Upsilon chapter. Monday meeting night was chosen and it was a dessert, house tour, discussion group evening. There were four topics discussed and it all added up to "aiding communication between actives and alumnae."

NANCY KAY JOHNSON THORPE

SAN DIEGO

Collegiate Contacts: The alumnae were proud to join the actives at San Diego State for their annual scholarship dessert. Kay Howe was the proud recipient of the Nancy Burton Gosch Memorial Scholarship given for outstanding grades, activities, service to the sorority and need. The Mothers' Club Award went to Mary Cords for the Theta with the highest grades.

Founders' Day found the alumnae and actives at the Hanalei Hotel for a delightful luncheon which brought many out-of-town Thetas and honored several fifty-year Thetas. Janet Randal, house president, presented an enlightening report of the chapter's activities for the past year.

We Tried This: Under the direction of our new president, Patti Clardy Williams, we have divided our alumnae chapter into small groups by area in hopes of getting more Thetas actively involved. Area chairmen have been appointed, and we are well underway with our new program.

Honors to Members: Louise Seeburger Dyer, president of San Diego School Board... Virginia Stone Burrill, president of Woman University Club... Ruth Whitney Robinson, house chairman of Child Development Center, secretary of Board of Directors of Red Cross, board of trustees Children's Health Center... Jackie Boice Wells, president of House of Hospitality Association of City of San Diego... Yvonne Wickstrom Larsen, retiring President of Junior League, secretary of San Diego Symphony.

JAN JOHNSON PORTER

SAN MATEO COUNTY

Presenting the Positive: Our principal 1970-71 activity was the annual San Mateo County Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon chaired by Lorene Hermanson Boyer, Oregon State, and her all-Theta committee. Theme of the program was aimed at furthering the fraternity idea. This was capably handled by Sandra Bedford, President of U. C. Berkeley chapter, along with alumnae of sororities from San Jose State, Stanford, University of the Pacific. Our fund raising affair, imaginative and just for fun, with its Halloween decorations and theme of "Thanksgiving on the Farm" was chaired by Barbara Backer Vogt, Northwestern.

Honors To Members: Many of our group are active in the nationally known "Show House" put on annually by the San Mateo County Junior Museum Auxilliary... Barbara Beukema Richard, Michigan, a member of that group, has also been elected chairman of the Millbrae, California Parks and Recreation

Commission... and from Hillsborough, our sister city, comes the news that Margi Blunt Robertson, Michigan, has won a hard fought battle for election to their school board.

ALICE COCHRAN BABCOCK

SEATTLE

Collegiate Contacts: Closer communication between collegiate and alumnae Thetas was the purpose of a breakfast at the home of Alpha Lambda, Washington-Seattle, Advisory Board chairman, Dorothy Lewis Simpson. Clever cartoons and quotations reflected the spirit of the meeting: a frank, friendly exchange of ideas; "hearing," not just "listening"; and greater understanding of shared fraternity responsibility. Attended by former and current members of advisory and house-management boards, Panhellenic representatives and college upperclassmen, the meeting provided an increased respect for others' viewpoint, a widened appreciation of the value of alumnae support, new knowledge of collegiate needs and very valuable practical solutions for the problems of house-resident costs, the "live-out" situation and more direct financial aid from alumnae sources.

We Tried This: Founders' Day 1971 initiated an annual tradition, the naming of two outstanding alumnae as Twin Stars Award winners for fraternity and community contributions. Collegiates and alumnae also shared in the planting of a commemorative tree celebrating 101 Theta years.

Honors To Members: Dorothy Lewis Simpson, Duke, was named one of five Women of Achievement in Fine Arts by Past Presidents' Assembly... Sally Sanderson Raleigh, Pittsburgh, woman's editor of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, was one of eight honored at Theta Sigma Phi's annual Matrix Table.

SALLY BROGDON HARTER,

JEAN CUYKENDALL SAUNDERS

SYRACUSE

Collegiate Contacts: In the fall the collegiate and alumnae chapters of Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta met with the chancellor of Syracuse University, Mr. John Corbally. He spoke to us concerning the need for constructive change in the life of the fraternity system. We felt that this meeting added a great deal to our insight into the problems besetting the fraternity system today, as well as the positive courses of action open to us.

A tea in honor of the Syracuse chapter's house-mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pert, was given by the pledge class in April. Chapter alumnae were invited.

Our final meeting of the year was held at the home of Betty Mains Fleeth. Reverend Dr. John McCombe was our guest as we welcomed the senior members of Chi chapter into alumnae membership. Dr. McCombe, in addition to heading the Hendricks Chapel staff at Syracuse University, has conducted numerous courses in Marriage and Family. Discussion on this topic proved lively and interesting.

We Tried This: Our major emphasis this past year was in establishing closer ties with our collegiate chapter as well as with alumnae groups of other sororities and their collegiate chapters.

Honors to Members: Molly Corbett Broad com-

pleted her final year of preparation for her doctorate in economics.

CATHERINE HUMPHREYS NIEJADLIK

TORONTO

Presenting the Positive: Providing books, games and puzzles for children in an Indian school north of Lake Superior has been a new activity for the Toronto chapter. An enterprising teacher has been eager to extend the children's use of language, foster pride in their heritage and find interesting spare time activities. The search has educated the searchers, revealing Indian legends, biographies of Indian leaders, adventure stories and accounts of arts and crafts. With these have gone books on aeroplanes and space travel, jigsaw puzzles in map form, dominoes and checkers, alphabet and counting games.

The teacher writes: "We were all impressed by the variety of books and games which help to create a relaxed but stimulating environment. Our children are shy, and the new materials, used every day, have increased communication. Language has priority in our programs and the children are encouraged to use both Indian and English. The younger children especially love to read and listen to stories, and I often hear them discussing the pictures."

The chapter's interest in this school has produced almost \$200 in voluntary contributions to help finance a school trip to Winnipeg. Books have been sent to another school on Hudson Bay, and materials are being collected for an Indian friend interested in starting a community sewing project.

MARY AULD CAMPBELL

TULSA

Collegiate Contacts: The Tulsa Alumnae Chapter has maintained contact with the chapter at the University of Tulsa this past year through the Advisory and Corporation Boards.

During the past summer the housemother's room was completely remodeled and a lovely living room added. Rush was highly successful with the help of Betty McDowell Havenstrite, who for the past 11 years has faithfully prepared and served all the refreshments. Betty and her husband Britt, who are affectionately called Aunt Betty and Uncle Britt by the girls, seem to

be always at hand and ready to assist the chapter in any way.

We Tried This: The Advisory and Corporation Boards meet with the TU chapter twice a year and an alumna is invited to attend one chapter meeting each month.

Founders' Day was celebrated with the TU chapter at the enlarged lodge. This event gave the alumnae a chance to dine with the girls and to tour the beautiful new living quarters. We were happy to present fifty-year pins to Muriel Tice Nelson and Ruth Downey Noble.

On May 8, 1971 the alumnae entertained TU seniors at brunch.

Our annual Antique Show was so successful we were able to donate \$500 to the TU chapter plus \$450 to Sunny Side School. MARY JANE HUMBERT HENRY

WICHITA

Collegiate Contacts: Since there is no collegiate chapter in Wichita, the alumnae chapter met several times with local actives, who attend both in-state and out-of-state universities. During the summer an informal meeting of active and alumnae members was held to familiarize alumnae with campus trends. During the open discussion, the actives related happenings, problems and changes which are taking place at their universities. This "Listening Night" gave the alumnae a fresh look at the status quo on our state's campuses and resulted in better collegiate-alumnae relationships.

During Thanksgiving vacation, a luncheon was held for local actives and their mothers. The 26 guests and 16 alumnae enjoyed singing and hearing about collegiate chapter activities.

Each year our chapter donates the money made from the food booth at the annual antique show to one of the collegiate chapters in our state. This year \$500 was sent to Washburn University. Their Corporation Board will decide how this money can most effectively be used.

We Tried This: After hearing a talk on the aims and needs of the local educational television station, we donated \$840 to the Channel 8 fund. Most of this money had been raised in the boutique section of our antique show. This was our first contribution to a local philanthropy.

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CLUB QUOTES

Charleston, W.Va. members keep in touch with alumnae groups of other sororities by inviting a different alumnae group to a spring luncheon each year.

Akron, Ohio shows tender loving care for 12-15 year old girls who live in one of the cottages of the Childrens Home. Each girl is remembered on her birthday, seasonal centerpieces find their way to their tables, picnics and sledding parties are planned and good used clothing is put into the girls' closets.

Fighting a dues raise, *Gary, Ind.* club members donate \$4.00 for their Founders' Day luncheon and a large committee provides the food as their contribution. *Little Rock, Ark.* sends their similar donations to the Foundation.

Clever invitations to luncheon and dinner meetings are mailed monthly to Thetas in *Elkhart, Ind.* Almost 100% attendance at meetings is the result of these pleasant reminders.

Knoxville, Tenn. held a "get-together" with University of Tennessee graduating seniors, welcoming them to alumnae status and telling of activities and programs.

Tuscaloosa, Ala. alumnae were busy while the University of Alabama chapter house was closed for the summer. The dreary basement chapter room was carpeted, walls and a huge bulletin board painted. They painted 15 desks and chairs apple green . . . black . . . mustard . . . fire engine red . . . Room was a surprise for returning actives. Club has approximately . . . ten members!

Louisville, Ky. Thetas gathered at Churchill Downs for the opening of the fall meet. They were privileged to watch the thoroughbreds from the Sky Terrace Room atop the grandstands, a wonderful location from which to view the feature race, named that day in honor of Kappa Alpha Theta. Of course, the only sure bet of this event was for a good time for all present.

San Fernando Valley began direction of Arts Council at San Fernando Valley State College.

At *Santa Ana* each member brought a picture of her pledge class while four members representing 1917, 1933, 1947, 1960, spoke on Theta life in their day.

Flintridge-LaCanada held a meeting with local Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae, each member bringing a guest who belonged to another sorority. After lunch they discussed their different philanthropies, rushing problems. There is no Panhellenic here so this was a great way to increase Panhellenic spirit.

Vancouver, Wash. gave six bath mats for the house showers at Alpha Sigma at Washington State—a much needed item which they hope will reduce the hazard of falling.

Salem, Ore. worked to make the Panhellenic Theater Party a success. Funds from this project provide two scholarships to technical schools for girls in the Willamette Valley.

Annapolis-Severna Park, Md. drove to the University of Maryland on two occasions to have dinner at Gamma Mu and attend chapter meeting (at the invitation of the actives). Had a guest speaker who is national president of Delta Delta Delta and a resident of Annapolis.

Charlotte N.C. gives a bingo party annually for the patients at the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital.

Richmond, Va. members support their local philanthropy (Volunteer Service Bureau) with a Christmas party and auction of gifts, as well



A sing-a-long for husbands on Valentine's Day was much fun for Chicago-South Suburban alumnae who have included spouses in a number of programs. Song leaders were host and hostess, Milton & Miriam Perry Lane; others providing harmony were, back, r. & l., Joanne Lakin Pluckebaum & Jack; center, Joan Roll Grobner & Frank. All sang out to their hearts' content.

as with donations of used clothing, toys, etc. for distribution to the needy.

Corpus Christi, Tex. planned a joint Kappa Alpha Theta-Kappa Kappa Gamma luncheon.

Cheyenne, Wyo. has members who drive 50 or 60 miles to attend monthly luncheons.

Having a white elephant sale and a Christmas auction enabled the *Iowa City* club to make a generous donation to the Foundation.

St. Joseph, Mo. club sponsored a tree planting at Missouri Western College.

Erie travels 35 miles to join Mu chapter at Allegheny for joint activities. Also supplies two members of Mu's Advisory Board.

Princeton, N.J. members gave 780 volunteer hours at Princeton Hospital.

New Jersey, Northern has included husbands in many of their meetings, including those with speakers that are mutually enjoyed.

State College, Pa. alumnae attended Beta Phi's senior banquet at Penn State and presented pansy pins as they welcomed the graduates to alumnae status.

Bronxville, N.Y. alumnae help with Easter mailing.

Athens, Ga. made tree decoration favors for each member of Gamma Delta chapter at the University of Georgia. Also sent snacks to be consumed in the period after rush parties and before membership selection meetings.

Orlando-Winter Park, Fla. had a Kite Fly with Gamma Gamma, Rollins collegiates at the Eatonville Day Nursery.

Billings, Mont. had a joint social meeting with Kappa Kappa Gamma and invited husbands. Also made robes for the chapters at Bozeman and at Missoula.

Dallas-Fort Worth Suburban Cities club, composed of members from five towns, rotate towns each year when choosing a philanthropy. Attendance has increased since meetings are held on succeeding days of the week, i.e., Monday in March, Tuesday in April, etc.

Galveston provides free membership for young Thetas whose husbands are in medical school or serving their internship.

San Antonio provided a \$1,000 Endowment Fund for the Speech and Hearing Center from proceeds of their Flaming Festival.

At Founders' Day 1971 *Honolulu* club members announced a one-year scholarship for a qualified junior at the University of Hawaii, 1971-72.—PHYLLIS HARDY, Alumnae Com.



Midland Thetas fell to with a will addressing announcements for Christmas Carrousel given in a private home with local merchants providing areas of decoration. Standing, Ann Mackey Williams and Sylvia Short Nelson provided envelopes and inspiration for Jane Stuart Lamphere and Johanna Blanton Wagner, the scribes.



Like many Theta chapters and clubs, Vancouver, B.C. club swears by the Flaming Festival idea. With the theme, Christmas in Many Lands, l. to r., co-chairmen Jean Cushing Jenkins & Judith Blake Reeve, with Audrey McKee Beurk, put finishing touches on exhibits.

This world is the land of the dying;
the next is the land of the living.

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Albion 1907; September 1971
Nancy Lee Miller Nelson (Mrs. Eric L.)
Beloit 1954; April 1971
Mary Fleming Axtell (Mrs. Robert J.)
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Colorado State 1918; August 1971
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Over the DESKTOP

Quotation for Winter

"There are these people in organizations: wishbones, who wish someone else would do the work; jawbones, who talk about it, but don't do it; knucklebones, who criticize from the sidelines; backbones—the ones you depend on."—Gleaned from Leadership Conference. (See page 16.)

YOUR EDITOR HAS A NOTION none of you reading this would admit to being anything but the very *backbone* of an organization! Nevertheless, in this day of shortened work hours, frequent holidays and the spirit of let-George-do-it which is abroad there seem to be too many of those who don't contribute much to organizations, or worse than that, to life. Still, when we look around at our friends, most of them average, middle-class, college educated career women, wives and mothers, we find them all busy—often almost too-busy—also involved in good works and not counting the effort it takes.

These are the kinds of Thetas we have been writing up in the magazine in this issue!

We wonder how many Thetas were in the TV audience watching the National Geographic "special" in early October when the sequence showing Dian Fossey and her gorillas (*see page 14*) formed the opening for the hour-long program. Dian was also written up in the *National Geographic* in January 1970; perhaps some of you saw that, too. When we were making plans to use the story about Dian in the THETA MAGAZINE we had occasion to write her. Her most interesting reply, postmarked Rwanda, Africa, carries local stamps bearing gorillas on them. We wonder if the gorilla is the Rwanda national beast? Or, perhaps they are trying to remind the public how rare the gorilla is becoming and to arouse interest in saving the species.

The story about Isabelle Runk Whitmarsh's Memorial Garden adjoining the Churchill Memorial at Fulton, Missouri, led us down another interesting path. Westminster College, where the Memorial is located and where the famous Iron Curtain speech was made, sent us numbers of folders telling of Churchill's visit there in 1946 and reminded us of details we'd forgotten.

One story has to do with the speech itself, the manuscript for which may well become as esteemed as that of the Gettysburg Address. There have been some suggestions that like the Gettysburg Address it was written in haste. Not so. Actually the speech was written before Churchill left England, but he redrafted it on the train ride to Fulton where he was accompanied by President Truman whom he also asked to read and criticize it (Truman declined!). Though the speech, supposedly in its entirety, was released to the press ahead of time, the crucial Iron Curtain sentences appear only in Churchill's own pencil-annotated speaking draft and when used by him, with what must have been well-calculated foresight, set off shock waves around the world.

Sophie Boyd's story (*page 8*) was also a fascinating one to handle. The Toronto Alumnae Chapter has not forgotten Sophie and has taken on her Club 70 as one of their most cherished projects as have many others in the Toronto area. No wonder!

So it goes, in a particularly interesting month with a great deal of unusual copy available for the magazine. We hope you like to read it as much as we liked to write it.

Now, to current deadlines:

Active chapter editors: **February 1:** Due: An action photograph of a chapter service activity; also 100-words each on chapter "good news" and chapter fun.

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